



Town of Peterborough

Annual Report

1996



In Memoriam



Joseph Russell Jr.

*Honorary Member
Peterborough Fire Department
2nd Deputy Fire Chief
1975–1977*

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The Town of

Peterborough

New Hampshire

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Annual Reports

for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

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A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MODERATOR

As I approach two decades of service to Peterborough as your Town Moderator, it might be appropriate to indulge in some stock taking and blessing counting, reflecting with appreciation and looking forward with hope.

The Town Moderator's responsibilities are mainly to assure that local, state and national elections are properly administered and that the town's business is conducted at annual town meetings with fairness, reasonable efficiency and concern for the rights of all citizens.

One cannot reflect on the various elections without becoming aware of certain underlying qualities, at least from my perception. We can and should take pride that in a time when national participation in elections is lagging, Peterborough voters usually have turned out in better than average numbers. I am personally grateful for the dedication of Peterborough Town Clerks from Stella Sumner through Bob Lambert, as well as Becky Baldwin, for their reliability and integrity that have given us all confidence in the accuracy of results through the years. The cheerful, friendly service given by poll checkers and list supervisors, and the selectmen who have chipped in to share my duties of the day has been admirable. They and our town are better for their service.

Town Meetings, offering opportunities for us all to be part of what has been termed "little republics", have been notable for the oratorical contributions of many town leaders through the years. The late Martin Keenan, Forrest Mercer and Colburn Wheeler were leaders who, while not always successful in their argument, were listened to with respect. The effectiveness of town budget committees ebbs and flows with that of their membership but, in recent years, they have played an increasingly important role as a source of advice to voters on fiscal matters. Recent improvements introduced by Town Administrator, Pamela Andrade, have enhanced the efficiency of the process. Peterborough voters, over these years, have performed like proverbial prudent Yankees, carefully scrutinizing each item and insisting on value. They have shown respect for our heritage, most recently in renovation of our Town House. They have understood the importance of prudent investment in our town's future, especially appreciating the leveraging effect of matching dollars for needed town improvements. The generosity of the Goyette Fund has made many more such opportunities available to us. In 1996 Downtown 2000 and the Arts Auction group have demonstrated that town investments can be more than matched by contributions from property owners plus individual and corporate donors and that such leveraged investment can inspire new and restorative construction that will more than pay back the town's investment via new tax revenue. All of this has been accomplished in the context of often heated debate but with an underlying attitude of respect and civility for one another.

As the signs at the entrances to town proclaim "Peterborough, a Good Town to Live in", grammatically challenged but nonetheless on the mark, we have a legacy to be proud of and one we should protect.

Walter R. Peterson
Town Moderator



Walter Peterson is an inspiration to the citizens of "Our Town". Walter's devotion to his post of Moderator, as well as his leadership as President of Franklin Pierce College. When most men would let thoughts of retirement to a quiet life, Walter took on the task as interim President of the University of New Hampshire. Whether it was in his role as our Moderator, or his role as Governor of our wonderful state, Walter has encouraged many people to participate in government and to be a part of what makes Government good.

Roland A. Patten, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Walter R. Peterson, Jr.-Term Expires 1998

TOWN CLERK

Robert A. Lambert-Term Expires 1997

TAX COLLECTOR

Appointed by Selectmen
Ronald D. Christian

TOWN TREASURER

Kenneth A. Christian-Term Expires 1997

TOWN COUNSEL

Joseph J. Byk, Jr.

SELECTMEN

Roland A. Patten
Lawrence C. Ross
Charles Leedham

Term Expires 1997
Term Expires 1998
Term Expires 1999

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Pamela L. Andrade

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Peter Ryner

CODE OFFICER

Thomas W. Weeks

FIRE CHIEF

Stephen A. Black

1st Deputy Fire Chief
Bradley Winters

2nd Deputy Chief
Ronald G. Stickney

Ambulance Coordinator
Julie Thibault

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Quentin R. Estey, Jr. -Chief

Bruce H. McCall, Sgt.

Scott M. Guinard, Sgt.

Raymond T. Dodge, Corporal

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS

Peterborough Police Offices

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Roland W. Jutras, Director

Roberta Wilkinson	Term Expires 1997
Dean P. Burbank	Term Expires 1998
Rick Davis	Term Expires 1998
James F. Scanlon	Term Expires 1999
Glenn Smith	Term Expires 1999

WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Selectmen

CIVIL DEFENSE

Fire Chief

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR

James W. Lenane

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Denise A. Sweet	Term Expires 1998
William B. Sweet	Term Expires 2000
Nancy E. Bryant	Term Expires 2002

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Ann Geisel, Director

Constance P. Barker	Term Expires 1997
David D. Van Strien	Term Expires 1997
Catherine G. Forrest*	Term Expires 1998
John R. McCarthy	Term Expires 1999

PARKS COMMITTEE

Appointed by Selectmen

Ward R. Stoops	Term Expires 1997
Susan Phillips-Hungerford	Term Expires 1998
Carmen B. Duhaime	Term Expires 1999

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Leonard E. Paradise	Term Expires 1997
JoAnn Hal	Term Expires 1998
Robert A. Lambert	Term Expires 1999

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

James C. Adams	Term Expires 1997
Robert W. Ray	Term Expires 1998
Robert N. Nielsen	Term Expires 1999

PLANNING BOARD

Appointed by Selectmen

Heather Peterson	Term Expires 1997
Edgar D. Morrow	Term Expires 1998
John L. Patterson	Term Expires 1998
George Sterling	Term Expires 1999
Mary Lanthier	Term Expires 1999
Leandra MacDonald	Term Expires 1999

Alternates

Whalen Dunn	Term Expires 1997
Peter Pelletier	Term Expires 1999

Charles Leedham, Ex Officio

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Appointed by Selectmen

Anna Aasgaard	Term Expires 1997
Mary E. Stanek	Term Expires 1997
David Blanchette	Term Expires 1998
James Callahan	Term Expires 1998
Elizabeth MacEachran	Term Expires 1999

Alternates

Sharon DeSimone*	Term Expires 1997
John Franklin	Term Expires 1999
Gregory Lawn	Term Expires 1999

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Stephen H. Bryant	Term Expires 1997
Charles W. Derby	Term Expires 1997
Stephanie V. L. Henkel	Term Expires 1997
Andrew R. Peterson	Term Expires 1997
Bertha K. Harris	Term Expires 1998
Gordon L. Kemp	Term Expires 1998
Paul E. Sullivan	Term Expires 1998
Jefferson K. Allen	Term Expires 1999
W.F. "Ted" Barker	Term Expires 1999
Elizabeth M. Thomas*	Term Expires 1999

FENCE VIEWERS

Jim Grant	Term Expires 1997
Stephanie (Rosy) Henkel	Term Expires 1997
Zachary T. Morris	Term Expires 1997

TOWN CLOCK AGENT

Appointed by Selectmen

Edgar D. Morrow

SUPERVISOR OF WOOD AND TIMBER

Appointed by Selectmen

William A. Bean, Jr.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Appointed by Selectmen

Catherine R. Owen	Term Expires 1997
Frances Von Mertens	Term Expires 1997
Richard Pendleton	Term Expires 1998
Dana Wood	Term Expires 1998
Richard D. Estes	Term Expires 1998
David R. Stephenson	Term Expires 1999

Alternate

Mary Pat Szep	Term Expires 1998
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LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMISSION

Appointed by Selectmen

James Shea	Term Expires 1997
James Wheeler	Term Expires 1997
Laura Campbell	Term Expires 1998
David Reilly	Term Expires 1998
Richard Adler	Term Expires 1999
Susan Phillips-Hungerford	Term Expires 1999

Alternate

David Weir, Jr.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Appointed by Selectmen

Richard Fernald

CONTOOCOOK RIVER ADVISORY

Appointed by Selectmen

James R. Lawn	William Austin
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RIVERWALK COMMITTEE

Jaime Donovan	Term Expires 1997
Robert Duhaime*	Term Expires 1997
Leandra MacDonald	Term Expires 1997
Bruce Armer	Term Expires 1998
Swift Corwin	Term Expires 1998
William Duerig	Term Expires 1998
Dianne Barbour	Term Expires 1999
John Vance	Term Expires 1999
Ray Wakefield	Term Expires 1999

PETERBOROUGH ECONOMIC AUTHORITY

Richard Estes	Term Expires 1997
Richard Pennington	Term Expires 1997
Elizabeth Rank*	Term Expires 1997
Whalen Dunn	Term Expires 1998
Katharine Eneguess	Term Expires 1998
Glen Swanson	Term Expires 1998
Peter Pelletier	Term Expires 1998
David Houston	Term Expires 1999

* Resigned



“The Common”
Courtesy Robert Lambert

TOWN WARRANT STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Peterborough, in the county of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Town on Tuesday, the Eleventh day of March 1997, at eight a.m. (Polls close at 7:00 p.m.) to ballot for Town Officers and other questions required by law to be decided by official ballot. Pursuant to the authority of RSA 39:2-a all business other than official ballot questions will be recessed until 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 15, 1997 at the Town House, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. (By Official Ballot).

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and others, or take any other action relating thereto. (By Official Ballot).

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemption from property tax as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relating thereto. (By Official Ballot).

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00)** for the construction of a recycling facility building , and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$200,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation) (2/3 ballot vote required).

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract with Waste Management of N.H. for the privatization of the recycling center and take any other action thereon. (The Board of Selectmen recommend passage of the article). (The Budget Committee does not recommend passage of this article).

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$39,500.00)** for the purpose of purchasing equipment at the town's recycling center. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation).

Article 7. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 262:153, V and RSA 149 - M:13-a and create a town reclamation trust fund for the purpose of paying for the town's vehicle waste in which the town can use any moneys in the fund for the recycling and reclamation of other solid waste? If approved the Town will assess an additional fee to any motor vehicle registered in town pursuant to the fee schedule as follows:

- a) The fee for heavy vehicles, including mobile homes and house trailers, heavy trucks and truck-tractors whose gross weight exceeds 18,000 pounds, and buses shall be \$5.
- b) Unless otherwise provided, the fee for automobiles, light vehicles including trucks, and commercial motorized vehicles including tractor trailers, shall be \$3.
- c) Unless otherwise provided, the fee for special use vehicles including all-terrain vehicles, agricultural and farm vehicles, and historic vehicles and for 2-wheeled vehicles including mopeds, motorcycles, and non-motorized car and boat trailers, shall be \$2.

(The Board of Selectmen recommend passage of this article) (The Budget Committee does not recommend passage of this article).

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00)** to make necessary repairs and purchase equipment to continue Town operation of the Recycling Center. (By petition) (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee do not recommend this appropriation).

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Budget Committee to make a complete study of the Recycling operation. This report to be given to the selectmen by May 1, 1997 for action at an adjourned Town Meeting. (By petition). (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee do not recommend passage of this article).

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$34,500.00)** for the purpose of capital maintenance improvements at the Library. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation).

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$48,000.00)** for improvement and construction in the town parking lot east of the Peterborough Diner and the Toadstool Book Shop, including lighting, engineering and drainage, plus replacement and new sidewalks in the downtown area; with Downtown 2000 Corporation to provide matching funds for park construction, landscaping and lighting along the Contoocook River between Yankee Auto Parts and the Nubanusit River. (By petition). (The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation). (The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation).

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty-One Thousand Thirty Two Dollars (\$31,032.00)** for the purpose of purchasing one new police cruiser and further; to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a two year lease purchase agreement for the purpose of purchasing a second police cruiser:

Purchase new cruiser	\$21,000.00
Second cruiser (2 year lease purchase)	\$10,032.00

(The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation).

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000)** for the purpose of repairing and reconstructing the town's storm drainage system. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation).

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a public works dump truck, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars (\$35,540.00)** for the first year's payment for that purpose. The subsequent years payments call for the following amounts:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Cost</i>
1998	\$35,540.00
1999	\$35,540.00

(The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation).

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$11,800.00)** for the purpose of purchasing playground equipment at Adams Field and authorize the withdrawal of **Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$11,800.00)** from the proceeds of the Albert W. Noone Fund for this purpose. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation).

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Peterborough Arts Festival. (The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation). (The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation.)

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convert the Town of Peterborough's municipal street lighting to a more efficient, lower cost street lighting system. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend passage of this article).

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Million Forty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars (\$4,046,524.00)** which represents the operating budget. Said sum doe not include special or individual articles addressed. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation).

Article 19. Shall we adopt the recommendation of the Ambulance User Fee Study Committee to charge a fee for service for Ambulance Usage; furthermore shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict the revenues in excess of the Ambulance Department's yearly operational budget of revenues from said fees to expenditures for the purpose of defraying the ambulance department expenses? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Ambulance operation fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall

be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget recommend passage of this article).

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by user fees the sum of **Four Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars (\$455,640.00)** for the operation the Water Department. Said amount is supported 100% by user fees, will not be supported by taxes, and is shown as an offsetting revenue. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation).

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by user fees the sum of **Three Hundred Fifty-Six Eight Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars (\$356,873.00)** for the operation of the Wastewater Department. Said amount is supported 100% by user fees, will not be supported by taxes, and is shown as an offsetting revenue. (The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation).

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by dedication and acceptance, gift, purchase, grant or devise, any interest in land for purposed of effectuating the master parking, road and walk ways, and recreational plan in the area commonly known as Depot Square, including the land along the Contoocook and Nubanusit Rivers to land of Richard Healy and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey such interest in land related to and consistent therewith.

- Any acquisition by the Town pursuant to this grant of authority shall be made without consideration in cash by the Town.

(The Board of Selectmen recommend passage of this article).

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to re-classify the section of Old Route 202 South on property owned by HanSul, Inc., Cilley/Carter and Traffic from a Class VI to Class V highway and accept a conveyance by Deed from HanSul, Inc., of a parcel of land located between the new and Old Route 202 South containing .81 acres and shown as Lot 1 on Plan of Land entitled, **“As-Built” Site Plan of Town Line Condominium; Prepared for Alvan A. Traffic, Old Route 202, Peterborough, N.H. Scale: 1" = 50', Dated: June 14, 1996**”, prepared by Bedford Design Consultants, 136 Harvey Road, Hilltop Center, Unit 4, Londonderry, NH 03053. (The Board of Selectmen recommend passage of this article).

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d authorizing the library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the library trustees shall be deemed to bind the town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property. (The Board of Selectmen recommend passage of this article).

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to adopt an ordinance defining and regulating conflicts of interest for local officers and employees, whether elected or appointed pursuant to RSA 31:39-a The ordinance may include provisions requiring disclosure of financial interests for specified officers and employees, establishing incompatibility of office requirements stricter than those specified by state law or establishing conditions under which prohibited conflicts of interest shall require removal from office. (The Board of Selectmen recommend this article).

Article 26. We the people of Peterborough, New Hampshire, do hereby propose: that the third Monday in January be recognized as:

- Martin Luther King Jr. / Civil Rights Day.

(Petition Article). (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article).

Article 27. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditor, and Committee or Officer heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 28. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this Twenty-First day of February, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred Ninety-Seven

Roland A. Patten
Lawrence C. Ross
Charles Leedham
Selectmen of Peterborough

A true copy of the Warrant-Attest:

Roland A. Patten
Lawrence C. Ross
Charles Leedham
Selectmen of Peterborough

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH

Purposes of Appropriation	Approp. Current Year	Actual Expend. Current Year	Approp. Ensuing Year
General Government			
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	39,666	38,443	43,738
Financial Administration	269,096	278,632	247,253
Legal Expense	50,000	40,963	50,000
Personnel Administration	350,208	338,325	374,850
Community Development	124,863	124,782	144,520
General Government Buildings	107,870	129,026	138,243
Cemeteries	48,250	43,738	39,650
Insurance & Bonds	164,900	145,372	147,000
Public Safety			
Police	554,683	564,094	558,545
Ambulance	60,554	53,368	98,649
Fire	163,785	142,986	168,478
Highways and Streets			
Highways and Streets	623,253	581,400	625,420
Highway Subsidy	111,175	111,175	111,175
Street Lighting	48,000	53,317	48,820
Sanitation			
Recycling	180,511	172,306	176,175
Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other	253,433	218,894	356,873
Water			
Water Services	582,304	319,058	455,640
Human Services			
Intergov. Welfare Payments	20,860	20,860	20,860
Administration & Direct Assistance	125,475	118,679	125,736
Culture			
Parks and Recreation	174,554	174,376	176,311
Library	255,743	255,693	254,708
Patriotic Purposes	1,200	2,200	1,200
Conservation			
Administration	1,000	1,036	0
Debt Service			
Princ.-LongTerm Bonds & Notes	351,000	351,000	355,000
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	163,459	163,459	135,193
Interest on TAN's	0	0	5,000
Special Articles			
Recycling Center Bond	0	0	200,000
Equipment Purchase	0	0	39,500
Library improvements	0	0	34,500

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH

Purposes of Appropriation	Actual Approp. Current Year	Expend. Current Year	Approp. Ensuing Year
Downtown 2000	0	0	48,000
Police Cruisers	21,000	20,677	31,032
Storm Drainage	0	0	20,000
Dump Truck	0	0	35,540
Cunningham Pond Facilities	100,000	65,237	0
Fire Apparatus	16,330	0	0
Ambulance	35,771	0	0
Recreation Dept.	8,000	0	11,800
Arts Festival	5,000	5,000	5,000
Chamber of Commerce	12,500	12,500	0
Total Appropriations	5,024,443	4,546,596	5,284,409

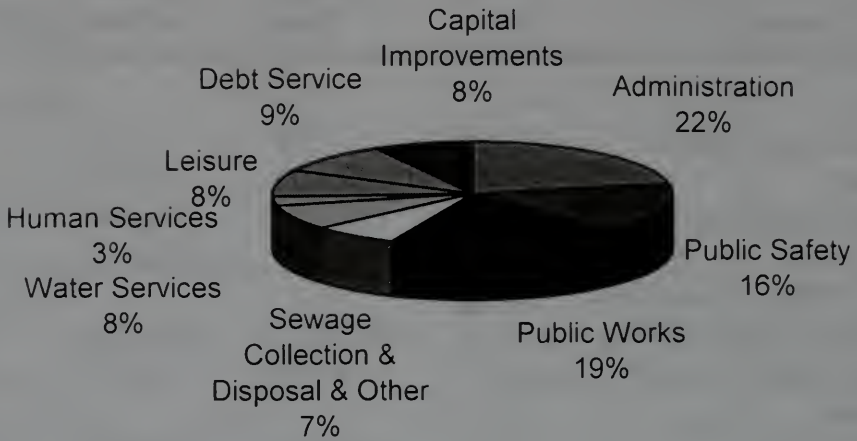
Amounts Not Recommended by Selectmen

Petition Article # 8 - Recycling Facility	100,000
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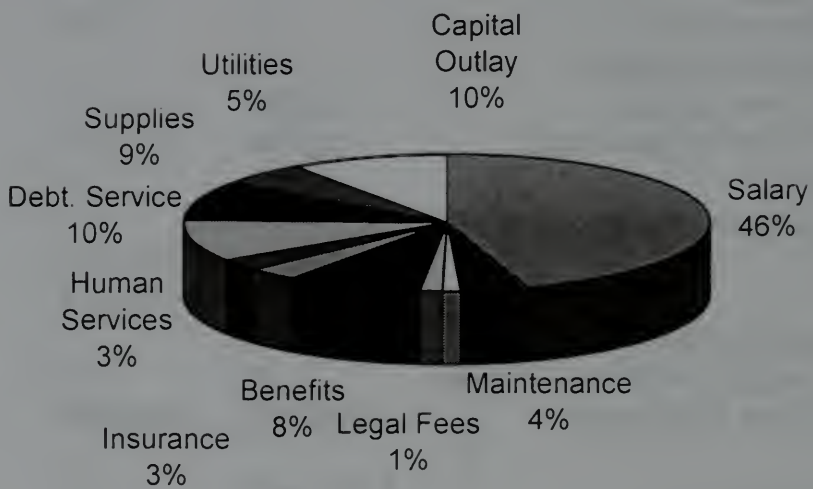
BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Current Year	Actual Revenue Current Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year
Taxes			
Land Use Change Taxes	870	3 141	1570
Yield Taxes	13,000	15,210	15,000
Interest & Penalite on Delinquent Taxes	135,000	143,462	149,000
In Lieu of Taxes	39,901	91,618	39,901
Licenses, Permits and Fees			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	487,941	546,270	525,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	19,864	25,614	21,580
From State			
Shared Revenue	194,610	194,610	194,610
Highway Block Grant	111,173	111,173	111,173
State & Federal Forest Land Reimb.	546	546	546
Flood Control Reimbursement	12,003	12,003	12,003
Income From Departments			
Town Office Revenues	4,375	21,399	10,144
Community Development	20,550	18,501	32,550
Police Department Revenues	36,000	56,108	63,500
Ambulance Revenues	62,825	50,960	127,568
Fire Department Revenues	12,153	11,237	11,287
Recreation Revenues	2,600	3,389	2,600
Recycling Revenues	61,606	45,772	45,699
Insurance Revenues	94,463	103,365	85,000
Cemetery Revenues	24,550	29,975	24,550
Library Revenues	48,100	48,767	53,000
Human Services	0	8,384	2,000
Highway Department	0	7,354	1,000
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Interest on Investments	40,000	74,736	40,000
Donations Cunningham Pond	75,000	121,237	0
Noone Fund	8,000	0	11,800
Interfund Operating Transfers In			
Wastewater	253,433	253,433	356,873
Water	582,304	582,304	405,640
Other financing Sources			
Proc. from long Term Notes & Bonds	0	0	200,000
Total Revenues and Credits	2,340,867	2,580,568	2,543,594
Total Appopriations	5,024,443	NA	5,284,409
Less: Estimated Revenues			
Exclusive of Taxes	-2,340,867	NA	-2,543,594
Amount of Taxes to be Raised			
Exclusive of School and County Taxes	2,683,576	NA	2,740,815

OPERATING BUDGET (By Functions)



OPERATING BUDGET (By Line Items)



1996-1997 BUDGETS

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Account	Original Budget 1996	Amount Expended 1996	Requested 1997
Salary	202,833	226,476	191,697
Maintenance	5,750	3,412	5,000
Communication	8,850	9,375	9,250
Supplies	41,663	39,369	41,306
Capital Outlay	10,000	0	0
Total Appropriation:	269,096	278,632	247,253
Revenues	4,375	21,399	10,144

ELECTION, REGISTRATION & VITAL

Account	Original Budget 1996	Amount Expended 1996	Requested 1997
Salary	34,376	34,528	35,243
Maintenance	600	592	600
Communication	1,750	1,258	950
Supplies	2,040	1,554	1,945
Capital Outlay	900	511	5,000
Total Appropriation:	39,666	38,443	43,738
Revenues	507,805	571,884	546,580

MISCELLANEOUS

Account	Original Budget 1996	Amount Expended 1996	Requested 1997
Patriotic Purposes	1,200	2,200	1,200
Conservation Commission	1,000	1,036	0
Legal Fees	50,000	40,963	50,000
Street Lighting	48,000	53,317	48,820
Total Appropriation:	100,200	97,516	100,020

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Account	Original Budget 1996	Amount Expended 1996	Requested 1997
Benefits	300,208	284,083	324,850
Insurance	50,000	54,242	50,000
Total Appropriation:	350,208	338,325	374,850

1996-1997 BUDGETS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Account	Original Budget 1996	Amount Expended 1996	Requested 1997
Salary	101,608	85,837	115,686
Maintenance	100	334	720
Communication	4,009	4,450	5,300
Supplies	13,646	15,975	22,114
Capital Outlay	5,500	18,186	700
Total Appropriation:	124,863	124,782	144,520
Revenues	20,550	18,501	32,550

INSURANCE & BONDS

Account	Original Budget 1996	Amount Expended 1996	Requested 1997
Insurance Package	70,000	71,269	71,000
Worker's Compensation	90,000	68,488	70,000
Risk Management	4,900	5,615	6,000
Total Appropriation:	164,900	145,372	147,000
Revenues	94,463	103,365	85,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Account	Original Budget 1996	Amount Expended 1996	Requested 1997
Salary	0	0	15,979
Maintenance	1,000	9,640	10,000
Utilities	69,539	79,444	76,764
Communication	31,131	35,241	30,000
Supplies	6,200	4,701	5,500
Capital Outlay	0	0	0
Total Appropriation:	107,870	129,026	138,243

1996-1997 BUDGETS

POLICE

Account	Original Budget 1996	Amount Expended 1996	Requested 1997
Salary	493,253	509,865	495,745
Maintenance	6,200	5,985	6,400
Communication	15,430	13,088	14,700
Supplies	35,500	30,859	36,800
Capital Outlay	4,300	4,297	4,900
Total Appropriation:	554,683	564,094	558,545
Revenues	36,000	56,108	63,500

AMBULANCE

Account	Original Budget 1996	Amount Expended 1996	Requested 1997
Salary	45,958	42,035	48,382
Maintenance	1,288	544	1,988
Communication	108	202	508
Supplies	12,500	9,806	12,000
Capital Outlay	700	781	0
Ambulance / Purchase	NA	NA	35,771
Total Appropriation:	60,554	53,368	98,649
Revenues	62,825	50,960	127,568

FIRE

Account	Original Budget 1996	Amount Expended 1996	Requested 1997
Salary	82,555	74,515	89,167
Maintenance	53,998	45,647	53,772
Utilities	100	122	125
Communication	639	569	461
Supplies	7,582	5,698	7,742
Insurance	461	461	461
Capital Outlay	18,450	15,974	16,750
Total Appropriation:	163,785	142,986	168,478
Revenues	12,153	11,237	11,287

1996-1997 BUDGETS

HIGHWAYS & STREETS

Account	Original Budget 1996	Amount Expended 1996	Requested 1997
Salary	307,534	317,457	309,930
Maintenance	37,000	41,675	31,000
Rentals	42,200	50,492	42,000
Utilities	30,250	31,625	24,500
Communication	675	922	675
Supplies	190,594	124,548	192,315
Capital Outlay	15,000	14,681	25,000
Highway Subsidy	111,175	111,175	111,175
Total Appropriation:	734,428	692,575	736,595
Revenues	0	7,354	0

PARKS

Account	Original Budget 1996	Amount Expended 1996	Requested 1997
Maintenance	4,550	2,450	4,000
Supplies	100	1	0
Total Appropriation:	4,650	2,451	4,000

CEMETERY

Account	Original Budget 1996	Amount Expended 1996	Requested 1997
Salary	1,500	1,469	1,500
Maintenance	29,900	29,900	21,300
Rentals	8,050	7,875	8,050
Communication	50	62	50
Supplies	5,600	4,054	5,600
Capital Outlay	3,150	378	3,150
Total Appropriation:	48,250	43,738	39,650
Revenues	24,550	29,975	24,550

1996-1997 BUDGETS

RECYCLING

Account	Original Budget 1996	Amount Expended 1996	Requested 1997
Salary	115,561	95,440	98,875
Maintenance	800	201	3,800
Rentals/Prof. Services	53,250	74,138	67,750
Supplies	5,400	2,527	5,750
Capital Outlay	5,500	0	0
Total Appropriation:	180,511	172,306	176,175
Revenues	61,606	45,772	45,699

HUMAN SERVICES

Account	Original Budget 1996	Amount Expended 1996	Requested 1997
Salary	8,675	7,954	8,936
Supplies	800	764	800
Direct Relief	115,000	109,148	115,000
Emergency Shelter	1,000	813	1,000
Senior Nurtition Prog.	3,500	3,500	3,500
Home Health Care	10,000	7,360	10,000
Family & Mental Hlth.	5,360	5,360	5,360
Day Care Center	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total Appropriation	146,335	136,899	146,596
Revenues	0	8,384	2,000

RECREATION

Account	Original Budget 1996	Amount Expended 1996	Requested 1997
Salary	130,198	131,053	140,111
Maintenance	19,466	20,928	17,398
Rentals	2,172	2,541	1,797
Communication	850	836	1,100
Supplies	11,378	10,736	11,455
Capital Outlay	5,840	5,820	450
Total Appropriation:	169,904	171,914	172,311
Revenues	2,600	3,389	2,600

1996-1997 BUDGETS

LIBRARY

Account	Original Budget 1996	Amount Expended 1996	Requested 1997
Salary	197,868	198,258	199,358
Maintenance	5,300	6,017	4,500
Rentals	2,600	2,342	2,600
Communication	2,300	2,054	1,800
Supplies	47,675	47,022	46,450
Total Appropriation:	255,743	255,693	254,708
Revenues	48,100	48,767	53,000

DEBT SERVICE

Account	Original Budget 1996	Amount Expended 1996	Requested 1997
Gen. Oblig. (Prin)	NA	NA	355,000
Gen Oblig. (Int.)	NA	NA	135,193
Tax Anticipation	NA	NA	5,000
Total Appropriation:	NA	NA	495,193

WATER

Account	Original Budget 1996	Amount Expended 1996	Requested 1997
Salary	81,258	89,179	102,940
Benefits	21,646	23,205	25,000
Maintenance	21,750	10,927	19,000
Rentals	500	461	500
Utilities	73,300	73,244	91,200
Communication	5,000	2,824	3,900
Supplies	66,850	48,230	50,600
Insurance	5,000	5,000	5,500
Capital Outlay	32,000	4,618	67,000
Capital Equipment	275,000	35,457	90,000
Total Appropriation:	582,304	293,145	455,640
Revenues	582,304	293,145	455,640

1996-1997 BUDGETS

WASTEWATER

Account	Original Budget 1996	Amount Expended 1996	Requested 1997
Salary	84,547	74,387	101,940
Benefits	17,036	17,250	20,983
Maintenance	30,000	7,795	25,000
Rentals	500	439	750
Utilities	41,900	48,784	51,700
Communication	2,600	2,304	2,650
Supplies	33,750	24,093	23,600
Insurance	3,500	3,500	2,750
Capital Outlay	39,600	41,581	76,500
Capital Equipment	0	0	50,000
Total Appropriation:	253,433	220,133	355,873
Revenues	253,433	220,133	356,873

REPORT OF THE RESULTS OF TOWN MEETING 1996

Article 1. Choose Town Officers. (By Official Ballot)

Article 2. Zoning Ordinances amended as proposed by the Planning Board and others. (By Official Ballot)

Article 3. Moved by the Selectmen that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million Three Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand One Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$3,359,111.00) that represents the 1996 operating budget for the Town of Peterborough. *Motion Passed*

Article 4. Moved by the Selectmen that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Three Hundred Four Dollars (\$582,304.00) for the operation of the Water Department. Said amount is supported in full by user fees and not be supported by taxes and is shown by offsetting revenue. *Motion Passed*

Article 5. Moved by the Selectmen that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Three Dollars (\$253,433.00) for the operation of the Sewer Department. Said amount is supported in full by user fees and not be supported by taxes and is shown by offsetting revenue. *Motion Passed*

Article 6. Moved by the Selectmen that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty One Thousand Dollars (\$21,000) for the purpose of purchasing a new Police Cruiser. *Motion Passed*

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$5,360.00) for Monadnock Family Services. (By Petition). Amended to include "Subject to receipt of audited financial statements for the most recent fiscal year by the Town Administrator." *Motion Passed as amended*

Article 8. Moved by the Selectmen that the Town will vote to ratify the July 25, 1994 deed from Stephen M. and Elizabeth M. Thomas to property located on Cunningham Pond Road, the subject property to used for a "park and recreational area" as more fully described in said deed and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to construct recreational facilities at the site. Said Construction to be contingent upon receipt of a grant from the Major A. Erland and Hazel Goyette Fund in the amount of Twenty-five thousandDollars (\$25,000) and receipt of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from private donations with the balance of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars to come from taxes. Amended that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to accept a relinquishment of a certain right-of-way over the Cunningham Pond Property from the present owners of the right-of -way, Dorothy Peterson and John Peterson, in in consideration the Town agrees to restrict in perpetuity any future development of that portion of the property to the east of the wetlands plume and construct a fence separating the developed and restricted portions of the property. *By ballot vote. Motion passed as amended.*

Article 9. Moved by the Selectmen that the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Selectmen to sign and deliver to the original grantors, Stephen M. and Elizabeth M. Thomas or their assignee, a Quitclaim Deed

of all of the Town's right, title and interest in the real property described in the deed of Thomas to the Town of Peterborough of July 25, 1994. The purpose of this article is to return to the Town its legal position prior to July 25, 1994 of the recreational property on Cunningham Pond Road and it would be expected that this article would only be acted upon in the event that article 8 of 1996 Peterborough Town Warrant should fail to pass. *Article Passed Over*

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to require all gifts of Real Estate to the Town to be accepted only by a majority vote of a Town Meeting, except for properties having a value of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) or less which may be accepted by the Vote of The Board of Selectmen. Amended to not include real property donated to the Town for the purpose of the Riverwalk project or the Conservation Commission as described by RSA 36-A:4. *(By Petition) Motion lost as amended.*

Article 11. Moved by the Selectmen that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$16,330.00) for the purpose of modifying three pieces of fire apparatus to accommodate rescue equipment. *Motion Passed*

Article 12. Moved by the Selectmen that the Town will vote to allow The Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of purchasing an ambulance, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five thousand Seven Hundred Seventy One Dollars (\$35,771.00) for the first year's payment for that purpose with the subsequent years payment for 1997 and 1998 in the same amount. Nineteen thousand Two Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$19,277.00) of each yearly appropriation will be paid by the other communities served. *Motion Passed*

Article 13. Moved by the Selectmen that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of supporting the Peterborough Arts Festival. *Motion Passed*

Article 14. Moved by the Selectmen that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) for the purpose of helping to support the continuing efforts of the Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce to promote and develop the commercial, industrial, retail and service sectors of the economy of the Town. *Motion Passed*

Article 15. Moved by the Selectmen that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Nine Dollars (\$514,459.00) for the payment of the Town Debt and Interest. *Motion Passed*

Article 16. Moved by the Selectmen that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) for the replacement of light poles at Ecco Field and authorize the withdrawal of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) from the proceeds of the Albert W. Noone Fund for this purpose. *Motion Passed*

Article 17. Moved by the Selectmen that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand One Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$111,175.00) said amount received from the State of New Hampshire in Highway subsidy for the purpose of highway construction or

reconstruction. *Motion Passed.*

Article 18. Moved by the Selectmen that the Town will vote to discontinue Spaulding Road from Sharon Road to Peterborough/Sharon Town Line in exchange for the granting of an easement to the Town of Peterborough for the purpose of a foot trail over Spaulding Road as it was originally laid out, and within 400 feet of Sharon road in the westerly portion of property now owned by Helen M. Land, from property now owned by Upland Farm, Inc. to the Peterborough Town line. *Motion Passed*

Article 19. Moved by the Selectmen that the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to lay out and construct a Class V highway with the right of way $41\frac{1}{4}$ ' wide and a traveled way 18' wide running from Hadley Road a/k/a Stearns Road, northeasterly across land of the Peterborough Players, Inc. and 495' of land of Richard and Susan Giagiari provided that both Peterborough Players, Inc. and Richard and Susan Giagiari each contribute One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Town towards the cost. *Motion Passed*

Article 20. Moved by the Selectmen that the Town will vote to discontinue the portion of Hadley Road, a/k/a Stearns Road that runs easterly and northerly through the property of Robert C. Brown and Peterborough Players, Inc.. Meaning and intending to discontinue the entire portion of Hadley Road situated easterly and northerly from a line drawn from PSNH Pole #15/7 northeasterly across Hadley Road to the corner of stone walls. *Motion Passed*

Article 21. Moved by the Selectmen that the Town will vote to create an expendable general fund trust under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a to be known as the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of unanticipated and/or extraordinary cemetery maintenance expenses and to transfer the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) from the sale of deeds for burial lots for this purpose. *Motion Passed*

Article 22. Moved by the Selectmen that the Town will vote to submit any or all of its Electric Accounts for participation in the Retail Electric Competition Program. *Motion Passed.*

Article 23. Moved by the Selectmen that the Town will vote to submit a portion or portions of the Town for consideration as Geographic Area of Choice under the Retail Electric Pilot Program. *Motion Passed.*

Article 24. Moved by the Selectmen that the Town will vote to accept the reports of Agents, Auditors and Committees. *Motion Passed*

Article 25. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. *Motion Passed*



"The Unitarian Church"
Courtesy Elaine Florre Carney



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February 21, 1997

Board of Selectmen
Town of Peterborough
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The document that follows reports on the status of the prior year's audit findings and recommendations.

Due to the changes underway for the conversion to a modified accrual basis of accounting from the current cash basis of accounting on the Town's internal financial statements, the audit for 1996 is in progress. It is anticipated that draft statements will be available in late March or early April.

Sincerely,

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PRACTICE SECTION

Capital Projects

Finding/Recommendation - Capital projects funds were being accounted for on the General Fund in a manner that was both confusing and also inefficient in that it adds to the time required for reconciling the accounts. Also, it was difficult to tell on a quick review the status of the project. Future capital projects that are funded with bond issues should be accounted for in separate funds on the computer. This would permit as detailed an expenditure report as needed for the project and also allow the use of detailed budget and actual figures to easily determine the status of various cost items associated with the project. Also, a quick review of the budget and actual reports would show the current status of the project.

Status - The capital projects were still reported in the same manner in 1996.

Management's Comments - This will be corrected in 1997.

Conservation Commission

Finding/Recommendation - The Town Treasurer does not have custody of the Conservation Commission funds as required by RSA 42:29. We had recommended that the Treasurer have signature authority on the Conservation Commission account and pay out funds upon the direction of the Conservation Commission.

Status - The Treasurer now has custody of the account.

Disbursement Documentation

Finding/Recommendation - We had noted instances where disbursements in 1995 were approved without sufficient documentation from a vendor or supplier. It is extremely important that documentation from a vendor or supplier be included with *any* request for payment.

Status - This was corrected in 1996.

Trust Funds:

Capital Reserve Funds

Finding/Recommendation - Capital reserve funds were commingled, which is directly contrary to New Hampshire RSA 35:9 which states that capital reserve funds "shall be kept in a separate account and not intermingled with other funds. . ." We had recommended that separate accounts be established for each capital reserve fund.

Status - We noted during the course of the 1996 audit that this had not been corrected.

Management's Comments -

Status of Prior Year's Findings and Recommendations:

Town:

Gross Budgeting

Finding/Recommendation - There were numerous instances during 1995 where the Town was not following the gross budgeting requirements of RSA 35:5 III. All Town appropriations, including the Cemetery Maintenance Fund, Police Grants, appropriations funded partially with donations or gifts, etc., should be budgeted gross "showing anticipated revenues from all

sources, including grants, gifts, bequests . . . which shall be shown as offsetting revenues to appropriations affected.”

Status - This was corrected during 1996.

Accounting for Library (Fund 50)

Finding/Recommendation - The Library (Fund 50), included an account (Trust Fund) that was reported net of revenues and expenditures. We had recommended that only revenues be reported in this account with any expenditures posted to the expenditure account.

Status - This item was corrected in 1996.

Accounting for Encumbrances

Finding/Recommendation - Prior year’s encumbrances were reported as fund equity accounts on the appropriation reports, i.e. they had a beginning balance from the prior year, which caused available fund balance to be misstated on the general ledger. We had recommended that prior year’s encumbrances be reported at the end of the appropriation reports in a separate department. Rather than reporting a beginning balance for the encumbrances, a budget entry should be made for the amount of the encumbrance. This would retain the correct amount of fund equity intact, and yet also allow comparison of budgeted (encumbered) amounts with the actual expenditures on the line items.

Status - This was still an outstanding item at year end.

Management’s Comments - This will be corrected in 1997.

Common Trust Fund Allocations

Finding/Recommendation - Earnings from the common trust funds were being incorrectly allocated based upon the market value of the investments. These earnings should be allocated, as done prior to 1995, based on the beginning principal amount of each trust fund.

Status - This was subsequently corrected for the 1995 reports and the 1996 reports are done correctly.

Fire/Ambulance Capital Reserve

Finding/Recommendation - We had noted that the Fire/Ambulance Capital Reserve fund had not been authorized at Town Meeting but was established following the approval of the Board of Selectmen. A warrant article needed to be voted on at Town Meeting to close out the current “capital reserve” fund and to establish an expendable trust fund to be funded by ambulance revenues and to be used to purchase ambulance equipment.

Status - Subsequent research by the Fire Chief found that the Capital Reserve fund had been approved at the 1973 Town Meeting.

Other Entities:

Finding/Recommendation - We had noted that both the Library and Parks and Recreation funds, while registered as separate nonprofit entities, may, at times, be acting as an agent for the Town or else using Town revenues as an accounting convenience. We suggested that both organizations revisit their original charters and also meet with the Board of Selectmen to determine exactly where the dividing line is concerning what is considered

by the RSA's to be Town funds, which would need to be remitted to the Town, versus revenues raised by the nonprofit organizations for their own functions. We also suggested that the Human Services Fund immediately register as a nonprofit entity.

Status - The Human Services Fund is now registered as a nonprofit entity. Although the Board of Selectmen have met with the Library and Parks and Recreation, there has been no change in the Parks and Recreation account. The Library has minimal revenues which are from book sales of donated books. Receipts are to the Friends of the Library and not directly to the Library.

Capital Reserves:

Finding/Recommendtion - The Town has a limited number of capital reserve funds, yet a substantial amount is invested in its equipment included in the inventory of General Fixed Assets. We had recommended that the Town look at the fiscal and long-term planning benefits of establishing a strong Capital Reserve program that would be funded annually based upon projected future equipment and vehicle capital outlay requirements. Such a program would also assist in maintaining a more even tax rate and also avoid the need for bonding of larger purchases.

Status - The Town has a capital improvement program for the next six years and is looking into funding the program through the Capital Reserve accounts.

SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Land	77,476,770.00
Buildings	249,413,070.00
Public Utilites - Electric	2,736,150.00
Total Value Before Exemptions	7,476,770.00
Exemptions:	
Blind	75,000.00
Elderly	2,809,500.00
Solar Power	198,720.00
Total Exemptions Allowed	3,083,220.00
Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is Computed	74,393,550.00

TAX RATE CALCULATIONS FOR 1995

Town Portion	
Appropriations	5,024,443.00
Less: Town Revenues	-2,344,867.00
Less: Shared Revenues	-104,855.00
Add: Overlay	197,912.00
Add: War Service Credits	40,000.00
Net Town Appropriation	2,812,633.00
Municipal Tax Rate Per Thousand	8.62
School Portion	
Due to School District	6,443,536.00
Less: Shared Revenues	-326,319.00
Net School Appopriation	6,117,217.00
School District Tax Rate per thousand	18.73
County Portion	
Due to County	761,782.00
Less: Shared Revenues	-39,027.00
Net County Appropriation	722,755.00
County Tax Rate per thousand	2.21
Total Property Taxes Assessed	9,652,605.00
Less War Service Credits	-40,000.00
Total Property Tax Committment	9,612,605.00
Combined Tax Rate per thousand	29.56

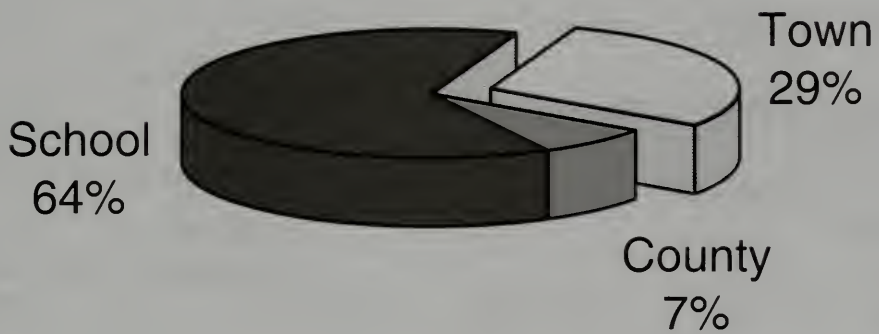
Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Property Taxes To Be Raised
326,542,770.00	X	29.56	9,652,605.00

TAX ANALYSIS

1996 TAX RATE	
Town	8.62
County	2.21
School	18.73

1995 TAX RATE	
Town	9.22
County	2.25
School	18.96

How Was Your 1996 Tax Dollar Spent?



TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
(For period from 1/1/1996 to 12/31/1996)

Debits

	Levies of 1996	Levies of 1995
Uncollected Taxes 1/1/96		
Property Taxes		773,697.96
Taxes Committed 1996		
Property Taxes	9,614,657.50	
Land Use Change Taxes	16,282.32	
Yield Taxes	15,163.22	
Overpayments		
Property Taxes	6,490.57	515.73
Interest Collected		
On Delinquent Taxes	10,523.83	44,368.37
Tax Penalties		5,093.00
Total Debits	9,663,117.44	823,675.06

Credits

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	9,032,526.85	772,513.86
Land Use Change Taxes	6,282.32	
Yield Taxes	11,065.55	
Interest	10,523.83	44,368.37
Penalties		5,093.00
Abatements Made		
Property Taxes	1,924.16	1,699.83
Yield Taxes	241.64	
Uncollected Taxes 12/31/96		
Property Taxes	586,697.06	
Land use Change Tax	10,000.00	
Yield Taxes	3,856.03	
Total Credits	9,663,117.44	823,675.06

TAX LIENS
(For the period from 1/1/1996 to 12/31/1996)

Debits

	<u>Levies of 1995</u>	<u>Levies of 1994</u>	<u>Levies of 1993</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year		242,356.75	99,783.96	86,805.57
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	454,041.69			
Interst & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	10,951.85	29,782.46	25,031.75	17,636.30
Overpayments	65.92			96.57
Total Debits	465,059.46	272,139.21	124,815.71	104,538.44

Credits

	<u>Levies of 1995</u>	<u>Levies of 1994</u>	<u>Levies of 1993</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Redemptions Remitted To Treasurer	173,511.11	111,835.63	56,244.71	73,047.39
Interest & Costs After Lien Execution	10,951.85	29,782.46	25,031.75	17,636.30
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	1,481.06			
Unredeemed Lien Balance at 12/31/96	279,115.44	130,521.12	43,539.25	13,854.75
Total Credits	465,059.46	272,139.21	124,815.71	104,538.44

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 1996

Cash on Deposit - January 1, 1996		\$3,190,705.77
Receipts:		
Tax Anticipation		-0-
Selectmen		3,041,175.10
Ronald D. Christian - Tax Collector		
Property Taxes (Current)	\$9,458,522.02	
Interest on Property Taxes	28,473.23	
Tax Lien Costs	1,010.00	
Property Taxes (Prior Years)	423,686.14	
Interest on Redeemed Taxes	78,842.33	
Redemption Costs	4,551.28	
Property Tax Liens	423,481.67	
Interest	26,477.02	
Costs	4,083.00	
Current Use Release Tax & Fees	6,302.32	
Yield Tax	11,065.55	
Hunting & Fishing Licenses	1,874.75	
Decal Fees	8,182.00	
Check Fines	<u>105.00</u>	10,476,656.31
Robert Lambert - Town Clerk		
Motor Vehicle Registrations	544,251.00	
Motor Vehicle Titles	2,206.00	
Vital Statistics	13,455.50	
Marriage Licenses	2,070.00	
Dog Licenses	4,704.00	
Civil Forfeitures	200.00	
Election Filing Fees	14.00	
UCC Filing Fees	4,201.72	
Articles of Agreement	50.00	
Dredge & Fill Permits	42.31	
US Treasury Federal Tax Liens	360.00	
Decal Fees	786.00	
Check Fines	<u>360.00</u>	<u>572,700.53</u>
Total Receipts:		\$17,281,237.71
Expenditures, per Selectmen		<u>-\$13,651,657.16</u>
Cash on Deposit - December 31, 1996		\$ 3,629,580.55

Respectfully Submitted

Kenneth A. Christian

Town Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

December 31, 1996

DOGS (RECEIPTS)

Licenses Issued	4,704.00
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid Town Treasurer-Town Share	3,316.00
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Paid Town Treasurer-State Share	1,568.00
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Total Disbursements	4,704.00
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AUTOMOBILES: (RECEIPTS)

Permits Issued	546,270.00
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid Town Treasure	546,251.00
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Adjustment	19.00
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Total Disbursements	546,270.00
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FILING FEES: (RECEIPTS)

March Town Meeting	7.00
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State Election	8.00
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Total Disbursements	15.00
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid Town Treasurer	15.00
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MARRIAGES: (RECEIPTS)

Licenses Issued	2,070.00
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid Town Treasurer-Town Share	322.00
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Paid Town Treasurer-State Share	1,748.00
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Total Disbursements	2,070.00
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VITAL STATISTICS:(RECEIPTS)

Certificates Issued	13,381.50
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid Town Treasurer-Town Share	5,857.50
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Paid Town Treasure-State Share	7,524.00
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Total Disbursements	13,381.50
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MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS:

Dredge and Fill	42.31
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Articles of Agreement	50.00
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U.S. Treas. Fed. Tax Liens	360.00
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Title Applications	2,206.00
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Uniform Commercial Code	4,200.72
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Civil Forfeiture	200.00
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Decals	8,968.00
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Total Receipts	16,027.03
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid Town Treasurer	16,027.03
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STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

	Principal Maturity Date	Annual Principal Due	Annual Interest Due
Starkweather/Police			
Bond - 01/15/95			
@ 8.00%	97-01-15	235,000	92,667.50
	98-01-15	235,000	73,867.50
@ 5.40%	99-01-15	235,000	58,122.50
	00-01-15	235,000	45,432.50
@ 5.50%	01-01-15	235,000	32,625.00
@ 5.625%	02-01-15	230,000	19,693.75
@ 5.750%	03-01-15	230,000	6,612.50
Town House/Recreation			
Renovation Bond			
08-15-95 @5.250%	97-08-15	120,000	42,525.00
	98-08-15	115,000	36,225.00
	99-08-15	115,000	30,187.50
	00-08-15	115,000	24,150.00
	01-08-15	115,000	18,112.50
	02-08-15	115,000	12,075.00
	03-08-15	115,000	6,037.50

RECENT TAX DATA

Year	Tax Rate	% Eval	Net Assessed Valuation	Population
1996	29.56	103	326,542,770	5,360
1995	30.43	100	315,117,490	5,360
1994	23.19	117	401,148,660	5,239
1993	21.29	117	399,058,850	5,239
1992	20.72	117	400,382,100	5,239
1991	18.98	111	398,855,930	5,239
1990	18.28	102	397,623,080	5,241
1989	16.66	100	393,332,940	5,112
1988	60.63	24	95,484,600	5,000
1987	56.86	26	91,654,580	4,976
1986	48.85	33	88,712,910	4,959
1985	40.07	40	85,006,665	4,976
1984	41.11	45	82,878,349	4,986
1983	35.24	47	80,940,839	4,876
1982	34.40	50	80,757,940	5,013
1981	37.00	53	80,065,054	5,063
1980	30.70	56	78,743,670	4,895
1979	29.20	59	76,681,995	4,497
1978	24.30	70	73,430,966	4,508
1977	22.70	80	67,699,282	4,340
1976	23.60	85	64,183,330	4,160

WATER DEPARTMENT OUTSTANDING BONDS AND NOTES

December 31, 1996

1978 Water Note 5% for 20 Years	
Original Amount	\$17,324.00
The Common, Guaranteed Mainline Extension	
Old Street Road, \$866.20 to be paid each year plus Interest	
Balance of Note	1,721.03
1986 Water Note 4.8% for 20 Years	
Review of Interest Rate Annually	
Original Amount	15,745.00
North Peterborough Investment Corporation	
Sand Hill Road, \$787.25 to be paid on principal each year plus Interest	
Balance of Note	0.00
1986 Water Note 4.8% for 20 Years	
Review of Interest Annually	
Original Amount	78,090.00
Scott Mitchell Road, \$3,904.50 to be paid on principal each year plus Interest	
Balance of Note	38,947.66
1987 Water Note 7% for 20 Years	
Interest Review Every 5 Years	
Original Amount	16,660.00
Route 202-South-Han-Sul \$833.00 to be paid on principal each year plus Interest	
Balance of Note	9,163.00
1987 Water Note 7% for 20 Years	
Interest Review Every 5 Years	
Original Amount	13,000.00
North Peterborough Investment Corporation	
Gray Hill Road, \$650.00 to be paid on principal each year plus Interest	
Balance of Note	300.36
1989 Water Note 6.76 % for 20 Years	
Review Note Every 5 Years	
Original Amount	17,954.00
Union Street-Hanson \$897.70 to be paid on principal each year plus Interest	
Balance of Note	11,670.10

1993 Water Note 5.75% for 20 Years

Original Amount	43,326.00
Summerhill Nursing Home-Old Dublin Road	
\$2,166.30 to be paid on principal each year plus interest	
Balance of Note	36,827.10

1995 Water Note 6.50% for 20 Years

Original Amount	13,347.00
Hansul, Inc.-South Peterborough Guaranteed Mainline	
\$667.35 to be paid on principal each year plus interest	
Balance of Note	12,679.65

**SEWER DEPARTMENT
OUTSTANDING BONDS AND NOTES**

DECEMBER 31, 1996

1976 Sewer Note 5 fi% for 20 Years

Original Amount	\$12,800.00
Hancock Homes, Inc. Guaranteed Mainline Extension	
\$640.00 to paid on principal each year plus Interest	
Balance of Note	0.00

1977 Sewer Note 7 fi% for 20 Years

Original Amount	11,658.00
73 Magazine, Inc. Guaranteed Mainline Extension	
\$582.90 to be paid on principal each year plus Interest	
Balance of Note	570.95

1980 Sewer Note 7 fi% for 20 Years

Original Amount	27,300.00
Keenan Drive Guaranteed Mainline Extension	
\$1,365.00 to be paid on principal each year plus Interest	
Balance of Note	699.88

1986 Sewer Note 8% for 20 Years

Original Amount	10,728.00
Korpi, South Peterborough Guaranteed Mainline	
Extension, \$536.40 to be paid on principal each year plus	
Interest.	
Balance of Note	5,359.54

1987 Sewer Note 7% for 20 Years

Original Amount	57,000.00
Old Dublin Road, Guaranteed Mainline Extension	
\$712.50 to be paid each quarter plus Interest	
Balance of Note	10,156.50

1987 Sewer Note 7% for 20 Years

Original Amount	93,470.00
The Willows, Wilton Road, Guaranteed Mainline	
Extension, \$1.168.38 to be paid each quarter on principal	
Plus Interest	
Balance of Note	51,508.32

1988 Sewer Note 7 fi% for 20 Years

Interest Reveiw Every 5 years	
Original Amount	24,965.00
Hunt Road, Guaranteed Mainline Extension	
\$2,419.88 (Principal and Interest) due each year.	
Balance of Note	15,574.30

1989 Sewer Note 6.76% for 20 Years	
Interest Review Every 5 Years	
Original Amount	42,518.00
Hanson-Union Street, Guaranteed Mainline Extension	
\$2,125.90 Due on principal each year plus Interest	
Balance of Note	27,636.70
1989 Sewer Note 6.76% 20 Years	
Interest Review every 5 Years	
Original Amount	278,982.00
Cheney Avenue Guaranteed Mainline Extension	
\$8,750.70 Due Each Year plus Interest	
Balance Due	68,435.34
1989 Sewer Note 7.05% for 20 Years	
Interest Review every 5 Years	
Original Amount	110,000.00
East Hill road Guaranteed Mainline Extension	
\$3,571.52 due on principal plus Interest	
Balance of Note	31,966.09
1989 Sewer Note 7.74% for 20 Years	
Interest Review every 5 Years	
Original Amount	21,300.00
Kaufmann Drive Extension Guaranteed Mainline	
\$501.10 Due on Principal each year plus Interest	
Balance of Note	3,155.33
1993 Sewer Note 5.5% for 20 Years	
Original Amount	121,934.00
Summerhill Nursing Home, Mainline Extension	
\$6,096.70 to be paid on principal each year plus Interest	
Balance of Note	103,643.90
1995 Sewer Note 6.25% for 20 Years	
Original Amount	60,022.00
Hansul, Inc.-South Peterborough Guaranteed Mainline	
\$3,001.10 to be paid on principal plus Interest	
Balance of Note	57,020.90

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Peterborough in 1996 can best be described with one word—change. There have been changes in personnel, facilities and procedures.

This year was Pam Andrade's first full year as the Town Administrator and the Selectmen are pleased to say she has done an admirable job. We appreciate her hard work and innovative ways she uses to stretch the tax dollar.

Ed Chase, the new Public Works Director/Engineer, came to us from Concord on January 6th. He brings with him much expertise in highway construction, waste water and water systems engineering, as well as in landfill closure. His diligence in preparing bid specifications and handling unexpected problems, allowed the Town to successfully close the Starkweather dump site with Pike Industries of Tilton handling the job. Ed also assisted in preparing bids for the Cunningham Pond Beach project, which for the first time will allow our citizens to access swimming and boating at the pond.

Nancie Vaihinger was hired by the Town as Finance Director and has worked many hours late into the night bringing the accounting systems up to speed and putting a purchase order system in place.

Peter Ryner was hired as the Community Development Director in December and we look forward to working with him in 1997. His expertise in mapping and planning development is respected throughout the region.

This past year the Town Offices settled into the renovated Town House and the Recreation and Police departments settled into their new buildings with few problems.

Town Counsel for 1996 was Joseph J. Byk, Jr. of the Brighton and Runyon law firm. He has worked very hard to keep the Town "litigation free". Only one new suit was brought this year, by a citizens group regarding a land-use board decision on the Salera land. The Town had suffered a loss in a suit filed by Marcia and Michael Salera regarding right to know issues. Mr. Byk was instructed by the Board of Selectmen to assist in bringing the Board into compliance with the Judge's ruling. An all-boards meeting served to bring everyone up to speed on these issues.

In May, the Selectmen took on the challenge of aggregating for the 1,500 or so electric users in Peterborough who were chosen for the State's power deregulation pilot program. In this role, Selectmen studied bids from the many companies that wished to supply power to these users and recommended a company would offer the most, not only by way of low rate, but also in a relationship the town. After much work by Selectman Charles Leedham, and after two meetings with the Public the Board chose the Enron Corporation of Houston, Texas as the recommended supplier. Customers have seen savings in their electric costs from 15 to 20% of their former electric bills. In addition to Enron's donation of \$25,000 to the private group, Downtown 2000, which the Enron company chose from a list provided by the Selectmen. Enron has also donated \$1,500 to the Town which we intend to use to purchase a new flag pole at the Town House. New Hampshire is the first state in the nation to actually allow consumers free choice of electric suppliers, this program has gained much notice across the country. There

have been numerous interviews granted by our Board members and our office has received many telephone calls on this subject. The Board's involvement sprang from a conversation between Selectmen Ross and the Town Administrator.

In May the Town government held its first-ever team building retreat. It was attended by Department Heads, Selectmen, the Town Administrator and selected Public participants. Allan Hollander was the facilitator. It was agreed that much progress was made toward getting our public officials to recognize the needs of others and to consider actions to resolve differences.

In June, the Selectmen changed their meeting schedule to include a bi-weekly coffee klatch on Saturday mornings throughout the summer. Attendance at these meetings by the public was sporadic and we hold in reservation a decision on whether to continue them next summer.

In closing, the Board of Selectmen would like to thank all the people who have volunteered for the various Town Boards. We are always very mindful of the many hours spent on working on behalf of the Town. We want to thank the Town Administrator, Department Heads and the Town staff for all the hard work and dedication for the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roland A. Patten

Lawrence C. Ross

Charles Leedham

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

I submit for your consideration my second report as your Town Administrator. Aside from many accomplishments of which we are justifiably proud, what I think is most significant is that the budget the Board of Selectmen recommends for your approval represents, as it did last year, a decrease in the town's portion of the tax rate. Some tough decisions had to be made and Department Heads had to comply with demanding guidelines to achieve the goal of reducing the tax rate without eliminating existing programs and services. In the end, with hard work by the Board of Selectmen, Department Heads and the Budget Committee, they did it. The 1996 Tax Rate was \$8.62 per \$1,000 of assessed evaluation and the rate proposed for 1997 is \$8.44.

We believe that the 1997 budget is conservative in terms of both revenue and expense. Revenue forecasts are realistic so that it can be expected that that what we have projected will be received. Expense budgets have been projected to assure that all estimates are realistic and that appropriations proposed will cover all the costs (i.e. salaries, benefits, utilities, supplies, equipment, etc.) necessary to provide required services to the community. In so doing, we can ensure that there will not be any over expenditures.

This annual report includes reports from the various departments and boards that serve our town. I urge you to read them. They provide insight as to what makes up our town government and how it works.

Following are comments on three areas I think worthy of special note:

Closure of the Starkweather Landfill

If all who had been involved had been present the day we locked the gate and walked away from the Starkweather site, the newly planted area - formally known as the town's "dump" would have been filled. Too many to mention, but particular thanks should go to Stan Peters, Mert Dyer, Richard Fernald and John Isham., N.H. Ballbearing, Aries Engineering, and the current Board of Selectmen. However, without the expertise and conviction of our Public Works Director, Ed Chase, we could not have completed this project under budget, ahead of schedule, and in regulatory compliance. Thank you Ed, for a job well done.

Community Development

In 1997 Peterborough has the essential resources to properly address growth and related infrastructure issues of critical importance to its future financial health. With the addition of Peter Ryner as Community Development Director we can start to deal with the questions of how much growth, what sort of growth and where it should be. I am excited about the prospect of working with Peter together with the related departments, boards and individuals in establishing an orderly process to determine what needs to be done and to establish priorities. This is an exciting time and urgent business awaits us. It is also an opportunity to enhance communication between boards in regard to community development.

Finance (Fiscal Health of the Community)

The Town of Peterborough hired Nancie Vaihinger as Finance Director in November of 1996. With Nancie's close stewardship the town will undertake two notable goals. The first goal will be changes to the procedures used in recording the financial position of the Town. We will be changing the financial statement from a cash basis of accounting to a modified accrual basis. This modification to the financial statements would be in accordance with the standards established by the Government Finance Officer's Association, the new Hampshire RSA, and Governmental Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. The second goal is the continuing search for the appropriate techniques to increase the Town revenues and reduce the growth of expenditures. This goal will be partly accomplished by establishing more efficient financial procedures and internal accounting controls.

Closing

I ask your indulgence, patience and understanding as we embark on another new year. I realize that we will never satisfy everyone. Demands on town administration grow increasingly complex and I ask that you remember that those who volunteer to serve on our boards and committees and accept responsibility for our town, are your neighbors. They devote their time and energy and together we address the challenges that come our way. We don't always agree on solutions and problems do arise. Please know that whenever you feel that there are problems that need to be addressed I will be glad to have you call them to my attention and I will do my best to see that they are properly addressed to the balanced interest of all concerned.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all town employees for their dedication to doing their jobs and their part in making Peterborough the wonderful place it is. They are real troopers. Special recognition and thanks go to Dana Hadley and to the Board of Selectmen for their accomplishments this year and for their continuing support and guidance.

Lastly, I thank the people of Peterborough for their continued willingness to accept a new management style and direction for our town. Your support for our dedicated, elected officials and for my office is essential for our future and our collective well being.

Respectfully submitted

Pamela Andrade

Town Administrator

1996 POLICE REPORT

The Police Department during the year 1996 set out on a goal of establishing the Community Policing philosophy for our department. We instituted these new ideas in an attempt to become closer to our community while completing our assigned duties. In the past twenty years police departments across the state as well as the nation got away from this very important aspect of police work. Police officers were spending more time in their police cars and less time dealing with the everyday citizen. This change was not deliberate but caused by the increase calls for our service which necessitated the increased use of cars to begin with. We found that we needed to get back to the people and establish a relationship which was better for all. Hence the new era of Community Policing. The officers are given the duty of dealing with many issues on their own and not needing help from the command staff. The police officers are extremely qualified to handle most issues they come upon. We had to enable the officers to deal with these situation.

This change in philosophy will mean the citizens will see the officers more on foot not only downtown but in the residential areas was well. they will be more approachable and visible. We instituted a well received bike patrol for both the benefit of the officers but mainly to get the officers out into the town and meet the people. The officers are encouraged to get out of their cars and meet with businesses and the youth of Peterborough and solicit suggestions and comments to how we can provide our services better.

We provided numerous crime prevention seminars for the local business community during this past year to acquaint them to the many new ideas in this area. These seminars were well received and well attended. Our first dealt with bank security and presented to all of the employees of the local banks. During these training sessions we had students from Conval, South Meadow and Elementary schools assist us by posing as customers as well as robbers. The next seminar addressed the issues of fraud and bad checks which many of the local merchants have to deal with on an everyday basis. This was followed by a shoplifting class and how to deal with this issues and then a women's safety clinic with all these different classes presented by the officers of the department. We look forward to continuing this needed training this year for our merchants.

The department then turned to the schools and used our highly successful DARE program to provide a much needed foundation. We expanded this program into the elementary school to help the children obtain needed safety information. Police officers in the classrooms of our schools is now the norm and not the exception. Meetings were set up with the administrations of both the high school as well as the middle school. These regularly scheduled meetings helped us focus on ways to deal with the many issues facing our youth today. I met with the principals at Conval to lay the groundwork for a student advisory committee to assist us in determining what we are doing wrong as well as right with our youthful population. A law enforcement explorers group was started at the police department and has a very active group of 22 young men and women.

This past year found the department once again working closely with the New Hampshire Drug Task Force in dealing with the menace of illegal drugs. This joint cooperation led to several investigations, numerous arrests and convictions of people for illegal drug possession as well as sales. Unfortunately the issue of drug abuse will not go away until we educate the citizens of the dangers associated with this activity and aggressively attack and prosecute the people involved in it's use, manufacture and sale of illegal substances. We as a community must send a strong signal that this type of behavior will not be tolerated in our community. The U.S. Marshall's office asked for our assistance in working on a task force to apprehend people wanted on both federal as well as state charges. These joint enforcement efforts allowed our department to show the professionalism and expertise of our officers. Every member of the department is proud of the work we have accomplished this year.

As it seems a continuing issue, we find the calls for our services with all types requests for assistance to have increased this past year. We welcome this opportunity to serve the citizens and suggest strongly that you continue your practice of calling us. We are here to serve you and the community. Our statistics show the officers traveled over 138,000 miles on patrol, and completed over 13,000 hours of patrol, protecting our community. The officers also spent in excess of 2500 hours investigating criminal acts, over 650 hours of training and 1600 hours of writing reports. As one can plainly see the men and women of this department are constantly working to provide you with the safe community that you not only expect but deserve.

This next year will see the department continuing the Community Policing program as well as the accreditation process. The accreditation process is in it's self assessment stage of this multi-year project and will see fruition this year. We look forward to the successful completion of this project and the anticipated accreditation. We as the other town departments have received a set of goals and objectives from the Board of Selectmen for the upcoming year, 1997. Among these goals is the establishment of a citizen police academy, better communication within the department, accreditation, individual training plans for the officers, the printing of a citizen complaint form a citizen's survey, a team building session, an evaluation of the police chief by the board and finally an increase in the clearance rate of criminal investigations. We look forward to the challenges that these goals and objectives present for our department as well as providing the citizens of Peterborough with a efficient and professional police department. We ask for your assistance and comments to help us meet our goals.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator for their guidance, my fellow department heads for their assistance and friendship, all of the town employees for their cooperation and the surrounding town's police agencies for their support. Above all my sincere appreciation to the men and women of the police department for their unending dedication and hard work and to you the citizens of this great town for allowing me the honor of serving as your police chief.

Activity	1996
Miles Patrolled	138,993
Calls for Service	9,939
Offenses Investigated	983
Alarms	266
Burglaries	21
Criminal Mischief	42
Criminal Assault	26
Child Abuse	7
Thefts	116
Bad checks/Fraud	83
Drug Offenses/investigations	89
Motor Vehicle Accidents	237
Arrests	253
Animal Complaints	216
Ambulance/ Fire Dept. Assist	279
Vacant Property Checks	1,222
Parking Tickets	196
Motor vehicle Courts	334
Motor Vehicle Warnings	2,281

Respectfully submitted,

Q.R. Estey, Jr.
Chief of Police

FIRE-RESCUE AND AMBULANCE REPORT

1996

The Peterborough Fire Department consists of one Chief, two Deputy Chiefs, one Fire Captain, one Ambulance Coordinator/Captain, two Lieutenants, and thirty four firefighting and emergency medical personnel. The Department provides fire, rescue, and emergency medical services to Peterborough and Sharon. Emergency ambulance service is also provided on a regular basis to Dublin, Frankestown, Greenfield, and Hancock. The Department also sends and receives mutual aid for fire, rescue and emergency medical services with area communities through the Southwestern New Hampshire District Fire Mutual Aid System.

Operations

The Department responded to 913 incidents in 1996, of which 681 were for emergency medical services, and 232 were for fire/rescue.

Fires inside structures (includes chimneys)	22
Vehicle fires	5
Brush/grass fires	5
Other outside fires	2
Emergency medical service	681
Extrication/rescue (motor vehicle accidents)	38
Other rescue	2
Leaks/spills, without fire	14
Electrical Hazards	19
Other hazardous conditions	16
Service Calls	13
Good intent calls	12
Malicious false alarms	2
Alarm malfunctions	39
Accidental automatic alarms	24
Mutual Aid (non medical)	19

It should be noted that 1996 is the third consecutive year that responses to malfunctioning fire alarms have decreased significantly. This is largely due to efforts by property owners to improve maintenance. Our members and their employers appreciate these efforts to reduce unnecessary responses.

Emergency Medical Service by Town

Peterborough	417
Dublin	67
Hancock	54
Greenfield	61
Frankestown	47
Sharon	11

Jaffrey	11
Harrisville	2
Temple	11
Emergency Transfers	3
TOTAL	681

Fire Safety and Public Education

The Department continued its fire safety education efforts in schools and day care centers. During Fire Prevention Week members visited day cares and the Elementary and Middle Schools to present programs for the students. The Department Open House/Expo that week featured fire extinguisher training, fire safety videos, distribution of fire safety education materials, a coloring contest, and vendors displaying safety goods and services.

Emphasis on properly operating smoke detectors in residential property and sprinklers in larger buildings is a priority of the Department. Construction and renovation projects are reviewed and monitored for fire protection features and fire code compliance from the planning stages through occupancy.

A member of the Department, working as an intern through the NH Technical College Fire Protection program, surveyed multi-unit residential buildings in the Town for code required smoke detectors. Many buildings were compliant but a significant number were not. Priorities were developed based on the number of units and other risk factors, and efforts to ensure compliance were begun. The cooperation of most property owners has been excellent in this effort.

The Department is happy to provide fire safety information to individuals or groups on request by calling 924-8090.

Training and Education

Monthly drills on basic firefighting and rescue techniques were held under the direction of the Deputy Chiefs. Topics covered included cold water rescue, rural hitch operations, wildland fires, vehicle extrication, hydrants, ladder work, and use of self contained breathing apparatus.

Outside instructors presented classroom and hands-on training in wilderness rescue and rescue from heights. Keene Mutual Aid dispatchers presented a program to enhance coordination between the dispatch center and field operations.

Officer training consisted of additional monthly sessions which included pre-fire walk throughs of larger buildings, review of equipment and procedures, and evaluation of water supplies.

Emergency medical personnel participated in classes and seminars in-house and elsewhere, in order to maintain their certifications in various medical skills. Monthly training sessions were utilized to provide continuing education credit. Topics covered included patient assessment, cardiac care, packaging of accident victims, and airway management, as well as recertification in CPR. With the assistance of the Monadnock Hospital

Emergency Department, medical personnel maintained certification in the use of automatic heart defibrillators.

Many members of the Department spent additional time attending classes and seminars to further improve their skills. Several achieved Medical First Responder certification in accordance with state and national standards after completing a course held in Peterborough for area personnel. Others became nationally registered Emergency Medical Technicians while several upgraded their certifications from EMT- Basic to EMT-Intermediate. This enables them to provide a higher level of pre-hospital care to those patients who need it.

The Department supports and encourages participation in the Meadowood Fire School and other continuing education programs in fire, rescue, and emergency medical services. These programs enable the participants to maintain and upgrade their skills and to bring knowledge back to their fellow members.

The Department also served as the host for CPR classes for area personnel and provided on-site CPR training for several groups. Fire extinguisher training was provided for organizations on request.

Apparatus and Equipment

In conjunction with rescue from heights training, all lifeline ropes and harnesses were replaced with modern types. With generous donations to the Ambulance Fund, older automatic heart defibrillators were replaced with new units.

Health and Safety

Health and safety of the members, which is an integral part of all activities, continued to be a priority. Replacement of self contained breathing apparatus was completed with one new unit placed in service. Through the occupational health program at the Monadnock Hospital, medical evaluations of personnel were continued in accordance with national standards. All members received training in Safe Lifting sponsored by Compensation Funds of NH, the town's insurance carrier. Several members participated in an Emergency Vehicle Driving class for ambulance operators. This was presented by the NH Municipal Association at the Monadnock Hospital as part of a continuing effort by the hospital to support training for area personnel.

Station

Replacement of all overhead doors in the apparatus room was completed. These insulated doors will reduce energy and maintenance costs as well as improve the inside and outside appearance of the station. The underground heating oil, gasoline and diesel fuel tanks were removed under a contract in compliance with environmental regulations with no soil or water contamination found. Tables in the meeting/training room were replaced through donations to our Penny Sale.

Water Supplies

As a result of a survey by the Insurance Services Office, the Town maintained its insurance grading. The report identified some areas in which we may be able to improve our water supplies and distribution system for fire protection. Working with the Department of Public Works, a program is being implemented to upgrade municipal hydrants where needed.

The Community Assistance Fire Team, a state/federal program, was requested to survey the Town to identify potential water sources outside the hydrant district. Their report noted seventeen sites for future development as water sources for rural fire protection.

Support Activities

The Auxiliary continued to support the Department with many hours of donated time at emergencies, training and other activities. They again sponsored a very successful Christmas party for members and their families.

The Explorer Post was very active with the Department, participating in training, emergency operations, and a variety of other activities throughout the year.

We would also like to recognize Mrs. Penny Seavey, who served as our administrative assistant, and Mr. Andrew Dunbar, who maintained the station grounds, for their volunteer services.

Future Considerations

The Department, as always, is seeking men and women who wish to serve their community in a most rewarding way and can commit the time required to serve in the fire and emergency medical services.

At the 1997 Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen will propose a major change in funding for the ambulance service. This change will result in the transfer of the cost of emergency ambulance service from taxes to user fees. In most cases these fees will be covered by Medicare, Medicaid, worker's compensation or private health insurance. This change was recommended after an extensive study by a committee of fire-rescue members and citizens at large with representation from the other towns we serve. It was found that user fee systems are in place in many areas throughout the state and country with no negative impact on patient care.

We wish to stress two important points in regard to this change. First, the members of your ambulance crew will not change. Your friends and neighbors will still respond to your call for help with the high quality of care, compassion, and dedication you have come to expect. Secondly, NO ONE WILL BE REFUSED SERVICE DUE TO INABILITY TO PAY, LACK OF INSURANCE, OR AN OUTSTANDING BALANCE.

We would like to thank the members of the study committee for the many hours of research. We feel confident that their recommendation is in the long term best interest of the citizens we serve.

In closing, we would like to thank the people and organizations who assisted us throughout the year. The help of the other Town departments

and officials is most appreciated in day to day business, risk reduction activities, and emergency operations. The support of the citizens of Peterborough , through tax dollars and contributions to our fund raisers, is gratefully received. Community support and pride in the services provided are the greatest motivators for our members. The cooperation of the businesses who enable their employees to serve the public by responding to calls during work hours is essential to the success of the Department. Last, but certainly not least, we thank the families of Department members. They adjust to the many hours put in, often at inconvenient times, and continue to support the commitment of the men and women of the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen A. Black, *Chief*

Bradley Winters, *Deputy Chief*

Ronald Stickney, *Deputy Chief*

Julie Thibault, *Ambulance Coordinator/Captain*

Ronald Bowman, *Captain*

Michael Caisse, *Lieutenant*

Paul Thibault, *Lieutenant*

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

1996 FIRE STATISTICS

(Cost Shared)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	06
Carroll	07
Cheshire	13
Coos	10
Grafton	12
Hillsborough	19
Merrimack	14
Rockingham	15
Strafford	05
Sullivan	06
TOTAL FIRES	107

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	05
Debris Burning	34
Campfire	16
Power Line	04
Railroad	02
Equipment Use	01
Lightning	02
Children	22
OHRV	01
Miscellaneous	20

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"

Bryan C. Nowell
Forest Ranger

Stephen A. Black
Forest Fire Warden

PLANNING BOARD REPORT - 1996

The Peterborough Planning Board saw a decrease in the number of applications this year, from a total of 34 in 1995 to 27 in 1996. The board held public hearings on 13 site plan applications and 14 subdivision applications this year, and often held deliberation meetings in addition to the hearing meetings that are held the second Monday of each month. The Board saw many changes in membership with the leaving of longtime members, Jeffrey R. Crocker (chairman); and Lloyd "Butch" Walker. Larry Ross, Ex Officio, 1995 was replaced by Charles Leedham, Ex Officio, 1996. The Board welcomed new members Mary Lanthier and Whalen Dunn. The Board also bid farewell to Planning Consultant, Karen M. Cullen in December. Peter Ryner began serving as Community Development Director in December. Tammie J. Blanchette continued to provide secretarial services.

Some notable applications before the Planning Board this year included a 65 lot cluster subdivision on Burke Road; a 50,400(square foot supermarket on Route 202 South next to the Peterborough Shopping Village; and a 10,752(square foot Rite Aid on the corner of Route 101 West and Elm Street. These proposals have received much attention and resulted in long discussions with the public and applicants. All three are still in process. The Board also heard a conceptual presentation for a revitalization effort in the Downtown area that, among many items, included the construction of a new three-story building in Depot Square. Of the 27 applications submitted to the board this year, 23 were approved and 4 are in process. It should be noted that there were no denials of any applications this year.

The Town voted on 16 proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance in March 1996, 15 passed. For the second time, a petition amendment to rezone approximately 23 acres of the "Eneguess" property on Route 101 West to Commercial failed. The amendments that passed came about through the efforts of the Phil Herr Committee and "Getting the Town We Want" and included the establishment of two new districts: a Downtown Commercial District and a Commerce Park District. Other significant proposed amendments included establishing thresholds for hazardous materials and wastes for the Aquifer Protection Districts; several changes in the Sign regulations; new regulations to replace the existing regulations on professional home occupations and home based businesses; new regulations on Off-street Parking; new regulations dealing with pollutants and disturbances; and an amendment to add criteria for Special Exceptions to the ordinance to help guide the Zoning Board in their decision making on special exception applications. Having accomplished all of this, the Board acknowledges the completion of only 1/3 of what was proposed by Phil Herr and his many committees comprised of local volunteers.

The Planning Board spent much time and effort considering suggestions and ideas for amendments to the ordinance for vote in March 1997, most of which are phase II of the Phil Herr recommendations. The Board held 7 special worksession meetings to discuss these proposals. These were in addition to the 24 meetings held to conduct the regular monthly business of processing applications, and 2 hearings held in January for the 1996 zoning

amendments which were voted on in March 1996. All told, board members attended 33 meetings in 1996.

The proposed zoning amendments for vote in March 1997 are the implementation of the suggestions made by residents in town, Phil Herr, and Board members. The amendments include revisions to the Home Occupations, Home Businesses, and Home Industries section approved in March 1996; several changes in the Sign regulations; and minor revisions in Conservation Zone, Off-street parking, and the plans and certificate of occupancy section of the Building Code to “clarify” or “correct” items.

The Board’s Minor Site Plan Review Committee saw a large increase in applications, which took a huge burden off the time constraints of the full Board. The Committee met a total of 13 times to hear 16 requests. Many of the requests were to bring sites into compliance with ADA and life safety requirements. The numerous requests prompted the Planning Board to look at its regulations and propose an amendment to its site plan review regulations for 1996 to exclude handicap and service ramps; decks, patios, or porches that are less than 200 square feet; stairs or fire escapes; signs; awnings; and some decorative landscaping.

The Planning Board members attended a “All Board’s Evening” in April of this year. There they learned what the impact of elected and appointed officials was on the organization; received “right-to-know” training; and had an opportunity to meet other Board and Committee members in town. The Board found this to be an educational and fun experience and are looking forward to this years event.

George Sterling attended an Office of State Planning, “Growth Management Conference” in November. The focus of the training was regarding residential growth and how the legal framework of the Master Plan and Phased Development regulations work together. The OSP sees Peterborough’s Master Plan as a model for other towns to follow and George was invited by the OSP to participate as a Panel Speaker representative in a session called “The Role of The Master Plan”. George spoke about Peterborough’s master planning updates and how the Master Planning process was improved by the business community survey of 1992. He explained how the input from business leaders and owners helped form a more complete community definition in the planning for Peterborough’s future.

As always, the Planning Board encourages everyone to participate in the planning process, whether it be attendance at regular monthly meetings dealing with applications for subdivisions and site plans, or at the public hearings on zoning amendments. We anticipate that the Board will be starting a new update to the Master Plan this year in conjunction with the Long Range Planning Commission and the town’s new Community Development Director, Peter Ryner. The Board also will be working with Peter in the area of reviewing the phased development regulations. The Board completed a major re-write of the site plan review regulations in November of this year and at the time of this publication the Board will have also adopted the Capital Improvements Program for 1997-2002.

Finally, the board would like to thank Jeffrey Crocker, and Butch Walker for their years of service to the Board. We would also like to thank our plan-

ning consultant, Karen M. Cullen, for her valuable assistance in reviewing applications and especially in preparing and guiding us through the zoning amendments this year. The Board wishes her well in her future endeavors.

The Peterborough Planning Board:

Edgar D. Morrow, *Chairman*
George Sterling, *Vice Chairman*
Charles Leedham, *Ex Officio*
John L. Patterson, *M.D.*
Heather D. Peterson
Leandra MacDonald
Mary Lanthier
Peter R. Pelletier, *Alternate*
Whalen Dunn, *Alternate*
Tammie J. Blanchette, *Secretary*

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Most residents of Peterborough are not as knowledgeable of the mission and purposes of the Long Range Planning Commission (LRPC) as they are of the Town's other boards and commissions. This is due mostly to the fact that the LRPC works mostly in a background role to support the planning needs of the community.

The Commission was established in 1987. Its six members each serve for three years with two of the member's terms expiring each year. They are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. A member whose term is expiring has the option of being appointed for a new three year term or retiring. New members to replace retiring members are chosen from Peterborough residents who express an interest in joining in the work of the Commission.

The goals of the LRPC are:

- To provide an orderly process to keep the growth planning of Peterborough current.
- To advise and/or recommend changes in ordinances, practices, and procedures to Voters, Selectmen, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment.
- To maintain in deed, the slogan to keep "Peterborough a Good town to Live in."

The objectives of the LRPC are:

- To provide continuity to the Peterborough's planning process in an advisory capacity as a result of need, changes, and public input.
- To review and recommend ordinance changes annually for vote at the Town Meeting.
- To obtain and maintain records to assist in the Long Range planning process.
- To provide a mechanism which will support non routine activity of the Planning Board.
- To support and/or cooperate with other Town governmental bodies, agencies, departments, and officials.

Although not so stated in its charter, the LRPC is intended to serve as an adjunct of the Planning Board. It is intended to help perform the long range planning functions of the Planning Board. Any products produced by the LRPC is funneled through the Planning Board as they retain oversight responsibility.

The principle product produced by the LRPC is the Town's master Plan. This document is an advisory document that puts forth the goals and objectives of the community regarding land use and development. Its purpose is to guide the development of the Town. It contains much information about the nature of the Town and provides the long range visions of the Town.

The most recent version of the Master Plan was published in 1992. During this past year the LRPC has been laying plans to update the Master Plan. Although the 1992 edition is still a valid document, it needs updating to bring it into concert with the findings and recommendations of the Herr study as well as to confront new issues that are of vital concern to the community.

It also must deal with a number of subject areas that are not now included in the Plan. There is a need to address these subject areas which then can be appended to the Master Plan as sub plans. Some examples of the sub plans are:

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| -Economic Development | -Land Conservation |
| -Water Supply | -Wetlands |
| -Shoreland | -Flood plain |
| -Recreation/Trails | -Open space |
| -Waste Disposal/Sewerage | -Housing |
| -Downtown Development | -Corridors |
| -Historical Preservation | -Neighborhoods |
| -Transportation/Roadways | -Build-out Analysis |

In the coming year the LRPC will be working in concert with the Planning board, the Community Development Director, the Board of Selectmen, and other Town Boards and Commissions to formulate and accomplish some of these sub plans. The citizens of the Town will also be a party to these plans as the LRPC intends to have as much community involvement as possible in accomplishing them. In this way, the plans will be the plans of the community and not solely those of the planning Board and the LRPC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard M. Alder
Laura Campbell
Susan Phillips-Hungerford
David A. Reilly
James Shea, *Co-Chair*
James M. Wheeler, *Co-Chair*
David Weir, Jr. (*Advisory Member*)

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT - 1996

The Peterborough Zoning Board of Adjustment met a total of 17 times to hear 38 cases. Several cases were on the agenda for more than one hearing. The Board approved 30 of the requests. The remaining 8 were disapproved or withdrawn. Two cases resulted in a rehearing and overturning of the Board's original denial. One approval of the Board is currently being challenged in court.

The Board saw a few changes in membership with the addition of Greg Lawn, John Franklin, and Sharon DeSimone. Sharon left the Board in November because she moved out of town. The Board thanks her for her service to the Board and the town. The Board of Adjustment would also like to extend its sincere thanks to Joe Byk, Chester C. Soule, Jr., and Roger Whitcomb for their service to the Board.

The Zoning Board members attended a "All Board's Evening" in April of this year. There they learned what the impact of elected and appointed officials was on the organization; received "right-to-know" training; and had an opportunity to meet other Board and Committee members in town. The Board found this to be an educational and fun experience and are looking forward to this year's event.

The members welcome your suggestions and comments on our performance and procedure. We meet on the first Monday of each month in the Meeting Room of the Town House at 7:30 PM. All meetings are open to the public and you are encouraged to attend and participate. Applications may be obtained in the Community Development Office.

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

James Callahan, *Chairman*
Mary E. Stanek
Anna Aasgaard
David A. Blanchette
Elizabeth MacEachran
Gregg Lawn, *Alternate*
John Franklin, *Alternate*
Tammie J. Blanchette, *Clerk*



Southwest Region Planning Commission
20 Central Square, Second Floor Keene, NH 03431 603-357-0557 FAX 357-7440

January 28, 1997

Ms. Pamela Andrade, Town Administrator
Town of Peterborough
1 Grove Street
Peterborough, NH 03458

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TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH

Dear Ms. Andrade:

Please accept this letter as a general report of activities of the Southwest Region Planning Commission over the past year.

The Commission, with a service area covering 35 municipalities in Hillsborough and Cheshire Counties, is one of New Hampshire's nine regional planning agencies established by RSA 36. We continue to provide planning related assistance to member communities and to represent the Southwest Region in state and federal programs. Our diverse work program covers activities such as local planning assistance, geographic information systems & mapping, transportation planning, community development block grant administration, and natural resources planning. We are funded through multiple sources including local dues contributed by member municipalities. For every dollar of local dues, the Commission's operating budget includes over four additional dollars to assist in meeting the needs of the Region and its municipal members. These additional funds are provided in the form of various federal, state and local grants and contracts. These resources provide the Commission the ability to assemble a critical mass of expertise which you have direct access to.

Highlights of Commission activities for the past year include the development of a 10-year Transportation Improvement Program for the Southwest Region; award of a federal grant to provide education and coordination among the Region's municipalities concerning proper disposal of toxic wastes; preparation of a document and process to promote natural resources planning; and participation in sponsoring several educational forums on planning related topics. As you know, we have provided assistance to the Planning Board in the review of subdivision proposals, prepared a town-wide traffic study proposal for your consideration, examined possible uses of federal grant funds within the community, and developed a proposal for an update to the Town's Master Plan. In addition, we have recently been awarded a modest grant to allow us to provide economic development planning assistance to our member municipalities.

We continue to be available to assist you in your planning related activities - please don't hesitate to contact us if you have a project you would like to discuss.

Thank you for your continued support of the Commission. We look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Sincerely,

Timothy P. Murphy
Executive Director

TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964

CODE OFFICE REPORT
1996

PERMITS ISSUED IN 1996

Type Construction	No. of Permits	Estimated Construction Cost
Single Family	8	\$ 915,000
Multi-Family	1	174,000
Commercial Buildings	0	0
Industrial Buildings	3	1,156,000
Residential Remodeling	51	924,197
Commercial Remodeling	21	793,850
Industrial Remodeling	3	53,500
Totals	87	\$4,016,547
Demolition Permits		3
Excavation and Fill Permits		18
Sign Permits		46
Temporary Sign Registrations		15

The Total revenue generated from permits for 1996 was \$12,360.06

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas W. Weeks
Code Enforcement Officer



"Main Street Side of the Peterborough Library"

Photo Courtesy of Pauly McCreary



"The Elizabeth Room for Children at Library"

Photo Courtesy of Children's Librarian - Joan Butler

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1996

Another year of commitment to our community has passed. In an effort to be more responsive to our customers, the Trustees voted to change the circulation period of library materials. Although there were moving arguments made for both shorter and longer periods of time, the majority responding to our survey requested one week for videos and two weeks for books.

The library hosted many programs in 1996, but March saw a special collaboration: MacDowell Colonist Stina Katchadourian graced us with a reading from her book "Efronia" An Armenian Love Story. The audience was a nice mix of local residents and MacDowell Colonists.

"After Frost" was a reading and discussion program conducted over eight evenings in April and May. This series was co-sponsored by the Friends of the Peterborough Town Library and the New England Foundation for the Humanities.

In mid-April, we celebrated National Library Week. Our most popular event was the Early Bird Special. Reference Librarian Judy Garabrant was hostess, offering newspapers, coffee, and donuts to all who rose before the sun.

Martin Novom, a noted fund-raiser, provided a day-long fund raising workshop for area librarians at the end of April.

Another MacDowell Colonist gave a reading for the public in June. Charles Fort moved the audience with his powerful use of language.

Children's Librarian Joan Butler, scored a big hit with the Summer Reading Program. The popular Olympic theme drew in 189 children who read 2,520 books. Joan Butler and Glori B. Luebbberman of the Recreation Department share their talents throughout the year, putting on story hours and puppet shows, to the delight of their audiences.

On Labor Day, the Peterborough Town Library put up a computer workstation dedicated to the Internet. This public access was made possible by a grant from the Goyette Charitable Trust, in an effort to make online information available to everyone.

A book discussion series "Book Bag", featuring Macdowell Colony authors began in September and concluded in October. This was sponsored by the New Hampshire State Library and co-funded by the Friends of the Library and the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

Betty Jean Stenshouer graced the state with another visit in October. This talented Floridian gave audiences a Chautauqua experience. "Back to Back" provided area residents an evening's chat with Gertrude Stein and Willa Cather, contemporaries who had nothing in common but their love of Paris.

The Friends Annual Book Sale on Columbus Day weekend netted \$2,200. This helped defray the cost of our roof repair, and purchased our popular museum passes to both the Currier in Manchester, and the Museum of fine Arts in Boston.

Many individuals made donations to the library during the year, resulting in additions to our collections and volumes for our book sale. The sin-

gle largest donation was from the Carmelites who generously offered their recreational reading library when the Common was sold.

All the library’s large print books were purchased this year with funds from the Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation.

Technology continued to be a priority. The Peterborough Library is now 78% online. This means that 78% of our collection has been entered into our database. We hope to offer an on line public access catalog (OPAC) by next year. Data entry is done by Assistant Director/Cataloguer Linda Tiernan Kepner and a small group of dedicated volunteers.

Statistically speaking during 1996:

- 1,623 New Books were purchased.
- 370 Books were donated for the collection.
- 343 Non Book items were added to the collection.
- 3,170 Interlibrary loan requests were filled.
- 93,676 Items were checked out through the computer.
- 1,221 Paperbacks were borrowed from the paperback rack.
- 360 Books were loaned to book discussion groups.

For a total of 95,257 items circulated.

In May, I was surprised and honored to named Librarian of the year by the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association. Nominated by my own Board, and selected by a statewide board, I accepted, acknowledging that this award is shared by the staff, Board of Trustees, Friends, and townspeople who support the library and make this such a special community.

In appreciation,
Ann Geisel
Library Director

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Special thanks to Thelma Clark, Jean Coty and Bertha Harris for generously contributing recreation equipment to needy children this past year as well as to Chris William for financing further ice rink improvements at Adams Playground.

Gratitude is also extended to James Orr and John Smith who enriched the Christmas Season for a lot of young people in the community. Their thoughtfulness and generosity was very much appreciated!

Major lighting improvements at Ecco Field (eight 35 ft. Poles that were installed in 1974 were replaced by 55 footers) and the construction of player safety benches for Picard Field represented vast improvements to Adams Playground in 1996.

With last year's Town Meeting approval of \$25,000 for Cunningham Pond, the development of Peterborough's first and only public beach took place throughout the 1996 season. This project was made possible by an anonymous and stunning donation of \$50,000 accompanied by a \$25,000 grant from the A. Erland and Hazel N. Goyette Memorial Fund.

Cunningham Pond North (13 acre site) will be named in honor of the parents of Stephen and Elizabeth Thomas who purchased and then deeded this picturesque land over to Our Town in 1994.

The LAURENCE KENNEDY MARSHALL and HAROLD BRIGHTMAN THOMAS MEMORIAL AREA, with its 200 foot beach-front and refurbished bathhouse, will have its official opening on Saturday, June 21, 1997 at 10:00 am.

Gerald Wolf, President of Safety Environmental Control Inc. of Keene, again directed a most generous unrestricted donation to the Peterborough Friends of Recreation. The gift will be used to sponsor community-wide leadership banquet forums, the first of which will be held in the Spring of 1997.

The Peterborough Recreation Department is indeed grateful to businesses that continue to sponsor athletic programs such as youth basketball, softball, baseball and soccer. Such sponsorships are vital and very much appreciated!

Utmost appreciation is also extended to all program volunteers as well as to the Peterborough Recreation Committee for their staunch support throughout the year.

When it comes to arts, puppetry, guitar and Children's Theater no one is more dedicated, knowledgeable and energized to assist young children than Glori B. Luebbermann. Glori B. enthusiastically imparts her craft and professionalism in a thorough, delicate and genuinely caring way. She is truly special and constantly redirects praise to co-workers when in fact the plaudits really belong to her.

Complimenting the arts and establishing other numerous and diversified year-round activities, for residents of all ages, is Program Director Kristen Hamill. In addition to creative planning, Kristen continues to demonstrate an extraordinary ability toward solving countless recreation groups needs and concerns evolving from athletic boards and sport committees. Again, in 1996, Kristen successfully coordinated hundreds of vol-



“Swimming at Adams Pool”

Photo Courtesy Recreation Program Director - Kristen Hamill



“Childrens Production at the Town House”

Photo Courtesy Recreation Program Director - Kristen Hamill

unteers in holiday, summer and year-round programming events. Moreover, Kristen has a gifted demeanor in recruiting and working with special program instructors and her communication skills are always pleasant, professional and exemplary.

As it is with this writing, there is never enough credit directed to park maintenance employees. For the day to day care of Adams Playground and other community-wide recreational facilities, indebtedness is extended to Robert Wilder, Homer Paradise and Andy Norton.

While Mr. Paradise and Mr. Norton will continue their regular schedule of part-time work with the Peterborough Recreation Department, former Park Foreman Robert Wilder, in early November, was re-assigned to work full-time for the Department of Public Works.

Whether it be the field of education, legal work, medicine, an insurance company, computer or ball-bearing industry, I've always believed that a work field is only as good as the people it surrounds itself with. Throughout the 1980's the PRD was fortunate to have Lynn Castonguay-Carmichael, Anita Francis, Louis LaBossiere and Homer Paradise. Thus far in the 1990's the names are Hamill, Luebbermann, Wilder, Paradise and Norton. To these I will be ever grateful!

Respectfully,

Roland Jutras
Recreation Director

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Highway Division Report

In reviewing the year 1996 we would like to first thank our Highway Crew for a very productive year. We accomplished a lot of work and still remained within our budget guidelines.

A roadside ditching program was initiated and we constructed approximately 25 miles to include: Upper Old Dublin Road, Four Winds Farm Road, Cornish Road, Old Jaffrey Road, Old Town Farm Road, Morrison Road, Old Sharon Road, Upland Farm Road, Bass Road, Powersbridge Road, and East Mountain Road. While the crew was ditching, over 820 feet of culvert and two new catch basins were replaced. The material removed from roadside ditches has been screened (recycled) by the crew, to be used as topsoil on Town projects.

Continuing along with our annual surface treatment program the crew shimmed and chipsealed approximately 12 miles of road which we believe is adding life to our roads.

The sidewalk from the top of Main Street to the old Fire Station was refinished as well as a new skim coat put on the Main Street bridge sidewalk near the Library. We also took the "curse" off the top of Elm Street entering onto Union Street.

Sand Hill Road Bridge received a new railing to prevent anyone from taking an unnecessary dip, and the Highway Garage roof was sealed to keep everyone inside dry.

A total of 443 Catch Basins were all cleaned this year and put in an inventory so we can start to rebuild and replace as needed. We hope to continue our cleaning program and replace a few catch basins each year.

The Public Works Department advertised 10 different items for Public bid this past year and are looking forward to a very busy year coming up.

Pavement markings for crosswalks and parking spaces were freshly painted with our new line striping machine.

Preliminary Engineering has been completed for reconstruction of the Spring Road Bridge. Final Engineering, NH DOT approvals and construction are scheduled for 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward L. Chase, P.E.
Public Works Director

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Recycling Division Report

We at the Peterborough Recycling Center would like to thank the people of Peterborough for their participation and support in 1996.

Changes at the center include the addition of a trash compactor allowing for the elimination of one 40 yard dumpster and a safer and cleaner way to handle the municipal solid waste. Separation at the center has been simplified by the co - mingling of plastic bottles, the re-arrangement of the milled paper area and the stopping of the collection of polystyrene. Markets for recyclables dropped in 1996 in all areas, resulting in total revenues of \$17,392.00 in 1996.

Construction of the final closure of the EMS - Starkweather Landfill was successfully completed in 1996, following NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) approvals and guidelines.

The Town has now acquired a Temporary Permit for one Recycling / Transfer Station and is in the process of applying for a permanent facility permit from NHDES.

Household Hazardous waste was collected on two separate occasions in 1996. Many thanks for the efforts by the Household Hazardous Waste Committee. Their support clearly contributed to the success and efficiency of this program.

Respectfully Submitted

Edward L. Chase, P.E.
Public Works Director

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Utilities Division Report

In 1996, the Utilities Division was involved with many new and exciting challenges.

The RiverMead Well project has progressed through the environmental permitting stage, to the point where the Well has been installed and tests are being performed to verify quantity and quality of water from this new site.

The Division was very active in professional development in both Water and Wastewater areas. Two staff members attended a four day training session provided by the State of New Hampshire Environmental Services Division. One staff member acquired a New Hampshire Class II Water Distribution License and is certified as a backflow inspector for water systems. These training sessions and certificates are critical to the protection of our community Public Health.

A new alarm system was negotiated with Honeywell Alarm Systems which will provide a much improved system in the water and wastewater plants, with an annual savings to the Town of approximately 50 % of the previous costs.

All Fire Hydrants in Town have now been inventoried, and recorded for operational and maintenance purposes.

The water system is being modeled for operational efficiencies and the division meets regularly with the Fire Chief in order to coordinate system upgrades.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant continued to provide acceptable discharges throughout most of the year. New EPA discharge parameters may affect Peterborough's wastewater plant in 1997 in a manner similar to the Jaffrey scenario of 1996.

This year marks the completion of one year of Town operated water/wastewater facilities in a transition from the contracted services of 1995. Staff have responded very well in the transition and look forward to the responsibilities, training and broader experiences of a Utility Division which includes water plants and distribution facilities, as well as Wastewater collection and Treatment facilities.

Respectfully Submitted

Edward L. Chase, P.E.
Public Works Director

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COMMITTEE

Following the success of our first collection in the fall of 1995, two more Household Hazardous Waste collections were conducted, on April 20 and October 26. More than 200 Peterborough residents participated; the Town of Sharon joined us for both collections and the Town of New Ipswich came in on the Fall collection. Over 2000 gallons of regulated hazardous waste were collected for recycling (oil paint) or safe disposal (pesticides, corrosives, combustibles and poison).

We also participated in the brand-new Paint -and-Battery-Recycling Program created by the northeast Resource Recovery Association, which enables us to accept household batteries and suitable paints at the Recycling Center (during warm weather), a cost-effective and convenient resource for townspeople.

Working with Monadnock Community Hospital, a collection program for the safe disposal of diabetic “sharps” was created; the Town of Peterborough is the only municipality in New Hampshire with a special permit to allow this!

Support for the Household Hazardous Waste collection programs has been strong, and we are grateful to the Town departments, staff, and Selectmen who have backed us. Our thanks as well to Belletete’s Building Supply for their corporate support on the Paint Recycling Program, and to the Peterborough Conservation Commission for additional funding. Grants totaling \$3,776, were received from the Department of Environmental Services (DES) Hazardous Waster Cleanup Fund.

Two other grants, from New Hampshire the Beautiful (\$2,650) and DES (\$1,500) were received to improve our waste oil collection. These funds were used toward the purchase of a waste oil furnace for the Town Garage and for improved storage of waste oil collected at the Recycling Center.

Plans for 1997 include two Household Hazardous Waste Days, on April 19 and October 18; this year both collections will be held at the Recycling Center. The Paint-and-Battery-Recycling Program is in place again, and a town-wide Paint Swap is in the works.

Member of the Hazardous Waste Committee welcome comments and suggestions at any time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Baker, Posy Bass, Steve Dark,
Jim Dickie, Jim Lawn and Susy Mansfield

WELFARE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT — 1996

The fuel assistance program, after being eliminated by the House of Representatives, was revived by the US Senate (it was an election year), being somewhat scaled back but was renewed for this past winter.

As before, the largest percentage of our direct aid program is single mothers and their children. New welfare laws make future US Government aid, the work of our state government under the new waiver rules which has administration of Federal Welfare under the direction of the State of New Hampshire. Many changes will be made, as to qualification, and with many people being curtained or eliminated.

Our Human Services Fund has been (on advice from our Auditors) incorporated under NH law.

This past year we gave out 1,332 meals using Federal and donated food. The food is at no cost to the Town.

In the face of sharp State wide direct aid budget increases, we are keeping our estimates at the 1996 levels.

We have found that many folks have been unable to keep up with increased food and living costs, a trend I fear will continue to rise. Making our own food pantry a welcome factor in assisting those in need.

Our Thanks to the Peterborough Diner for their generous gift of ten Thanksgiving Turkeys and also to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Dunckelman for their gifts of food through the year and especially for twelve Christmas turkeys.

Again, I wish to express my gratitute and appreciation to the following persons and organizations for their generous support.

A + FM Lodge of Masons	Mrs. Judd
Beta Sigma Phi-Phi Chapter	Peterborough Lions Club
Roy's Market	Peterborough Rotary Club
John H. Adams	Isabelle Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Phil Woodbury	Norma Whittier
Rosamond Crawford	The Serendipity Shop
Ben Dalton	Monadnock Day Care
Mr. and Mrs. Stan Fry	Place to Go
Peterborough Shoe Store	St. Vincent de Paul Society

My apologies for any I have missed.

During this year I have attended nine State-wide Welfare Administrators meetings.

The Commodity Food Distribution for the Disabled and Elderly has had six distributions. We are currently serving about 35 clients.

My thanks go to Mrs. Bertha Harris, my budget committee liaison for her fine cooperation. To Town Administrator, Pam Andrade. The Board of Selectmen and my fellow workers at the Town House who have encouraged and supported me this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
James W. Lenane
Human Services Director

CEMETERY TRUSTEES REPORT

During 1996 two headstones of historical interest (Elisabethe Young, died in 1767, age five months, and Robert Smith, died 1766, age 85) were moved from the small museum at The Common to the Historical Society because The Common was being sold to a private buyer. Replacement headstones were erected on the original sites in the Old Street Road graveyard.

The cemetery regulation were updated, printed, and sent to those who had acquired deeds within the last 10 years; copies are available in the Town House for anyone who would like one. Cooperation with the rules has been excellent and is greatly appreciated.

During the year there were 32 burials; two deeds, for a total of five grave sites, were issued.

A cy pres petition (requesting permission to use a portion of the interest that has accumulated on trust funds) was submitted to the Attorney General's office. 'As of this printing a decision is pending. If approved, the Cemetery Trustees will be able to undertake a number of major cemetery improvements—e.g., paving of Upper Pine Hill Cemetery roads—at no cost to the taxpayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Paradise, Chairman

JoAnn Hall

Robert Lambert

Cemetery Trustees

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REPORT

The Peterborough Economic Development Authority (PEDA) was formed under NH RSA: 162-6 which enables a community to create this entity in March of 1995. The PEDA mission statement is clear—economic development is the process of building a community's capacity for share and sustainable improvement in its economic well-being.

The focus of our meetings and our discussion centers upon partnerships with the many groups that impact upon economic opportunity for all citizens in Peterborough. Much progress has been made, much work is left to do. The addition of our professional Community Development Director, Peter Ryner will assist us in our persistence to continuously move forward.

The PEDA continues to collectively educate ourselves and assess our role using a variety of methods; document review, reviewing project financing options, meeting with state/regional agencies and officials, business and industry leaders, and representative of the many other organizations that influence various economic development initiatives.

It is evident to the PEDA the most fundamental assistance necessary to enhance economic development in Peterborough remains the need to change the negative image of the community to the external world. It is beginning to shift, yet not consistently. We must persistently and aggressively follow up on all leads for current expansion and new business development opportunities. Reliable data needs to be developed for distribution at the local, regional, state and Internet levels. At the core of this work is our ability to partner, cooperate and/or communicate directly with the many organizations that focus their activities on economic development issues in Peterborough specifically and in the region.

Much current work is directed toward the analysis of the capacity and future of the new industrial zone voted by the Town in 1996. Our focus is not short term and not attached to any current business cycle. Other specific work includes building the Town's data bank with the necessary information about local and regional economic indicators, all land and zoning option available for expansion and development, education training and retraining opportunities for the current and future workforce, effective communication between local development partners and the development of a trail system and map to include the use of all class six roads and available trails throughout the community.

Economic opportunity for all Peterborough citizens will come through investment and reinvestment by our current businesses. Further improvements will come from public (town) and private (business) infrastructure development and investment. We must create a fertile atmosphere for our prosperity together to ensure economic vitality and opportunity for our collective future.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Peterborough Economic Development Authority.

Katharine Eneguess,
Chairman

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

The Trustees met quarterly in the New London Trust Company offices located at 20 Grove Street to conduct investment reviews with our investment counsel and to discuss other matters affecting the various funds. The Trustees continued to allocate the investments within a generally 60/40 percent stock to bond ratio. We believe that this relatively balanced investment posture allows the portfolios to generate sufficient income, while positioning the assets for future capital appreciation.

The Trustees also continued the realignment of some portions of the stock investments by reducing over concentrations in certain sectors. We believe that the restructuring of assets will appropriately position the portfolios to respond to the current economic climate.

The Trustees worked closely with Town Counsel and the Cemetery Trustees to complete and file a Cemetery Cy Pres petition. When the petition is granted, the Trustees may disperse a portion of the Cemetery Trust Fund's retained income to accomplish some major cemetery improvements.

The following list represents the assets managed by the Trustees:

Town of Peterborough	12/31/95	12/31/96	1996 Income
Book	\$ 689,812.77	\$ 693,413.58	\$ 42,908.08
Market	926,910.53	997,395.23	
Retained Income			
Book	\$ 363,650.38	\$ 385,373.73	\$ 18,145.71
Market	362,853.30	381,662.78	
Capital Reserves			
Book	\$ 164,148.32	\$ 212,547.49	\$ 9,032.97
NWket	163,789.01	220,683.92	
Library			
Book	\$ 445,632.86	\$ 447,551.19	\$ 27,208.89
Market	596,197.16	635,267.13	

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Ray

Robert N. Nielsen

James C. Adwns

Trustees of Trust Funds

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT, 1996

The Commission's most important undertaking during the last year was the purchase of the Fremont Field, off the Old Jaffrey Road. This 21 acre field, a treasure of blueberries, birds, wetlands and spectacular views abuts and provides access to a 151 acre wooded parcel purchased for the town in 1991 with a \$179,000 grant from the State Land Conservation Investment Funds. The purchase of the field was accomplished by unprecedented support from neighbors and friends who contributed \$76,000 to the Conservation Commission to help preserve this beautiful land.

1996 also saw the opening of the Wheeler Trails, so named in memory of longtime Conservation Commission Chairman Coburn Wheeler. Ed Chase and his crew generously constructed a small parking area off Wilton Road from which the trail wanders off alongside a stream, past a couple of the biggest pines in Peterborough, through a field, by a pond and back to the parking area. We urge everyone to try this trail.

The sign for the Wheeler trail is a new design that we developed and by summer such signs will identify all the trails that the Conservation Commission maintains.

Not as much fun, but of necessity, we have been relearning all we knew about State wetlands rules. This year the legislature abolished the Wetlands Board and changed the procedures for applications for dredging or filling a wetland. While the new process does expedite and simplify the process, it also places more responsibility on the local Conservation Commission. Catherine Owen and Richard Pendleton have attended numerous workshops on the new rules. If you have any questions about the permitting process, call a member of the commission.

Members also have continued to help the Code Enforcement Officer determine if any proposed building projects will impact wetlands. Members have attended workshops on vernal pools, cumulative impact and the tax implications of land protection. We have advised the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board when called for by the regulations or when asked. We again contributed money to the household hazardous waste cleanup. We have monitored the 15 conservation easements we hold in Town and have advised landowners on land protection. Finally we have kept an eye on and maintained over 800 Acres of land that we manage for the Town. On the 220 Acre, Kane tract, off East Mountain Road there will be a timber harvest within the next 12 to 18 months. Working with the New England Forestry Foundation we have marked the trees to be cut this fall and winter. This harvest is primarily to be a timber stand improvement which should result in a healthy, attractive and valuable forest for the next generation.

The Conservation Commission has plenty of projects. We welcome your questions or comments and invite anyone who's interested to come to a meeting or offer your expertise or strong back or ideas or enthusiasm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Estes

Catherine Owen

Richard Pendleton

David Stephenson, Chairman

Francie Von Mertens

Dana Wood

Mary Pat Szep, Alternate

RIVERWALK REPORT, 1996

The focus of the Riverwalk Committee in 1996 was to hire a Design/Build Team to begin the surveying, engineering, permitted and construction processes require to complete Phase I of the Riverwalk. Phase I has been defined as the section beginning at the intersection of Grove Street and Route 101, following around Roland's Auto Service, under the Route 101 bridge to the Peterborough Plaza. From this point, the path will follow the perimeter of the Plaza along the Contoocook River and cross over to the RiverMead property, continuing to the Grove Street Extension "Iron Bridge." CHA Tech Service, LLC was chosen as our Design/Build Contractor and has begun the surveying and engineering aspects of Phase I. We continue to work closely with landowners involved in this area and the new Hampshire Department of Transportation. The \$25,000 received from the A. Erland and Hazel N. Goyette Memorial Fund in 1995 was used to fund the surveying and engineering work for Phase I.

The Riverwalk Committee has also spent time working with Downtown 2000 with respect to the development of Depot Square and the pathway along both the Contoocook and Nubanusit Rivers. We have begun the process of raising funds for this section through private grant and will focus additional efforts in 1997 in this area.

In 1996 the committee continued fund raising and was fortunate to receive the following grant moneys:

Transportation Enhancement Fund (available in 2000)	\$305,000
National Recreational Trails Fund	10,000
A. Erland and Hazel N. Goyette Memorial Fund	40,000

With Phase I well under way, we will focus our 1997 efforts in developing the area around Depot Square and on the section going North from downtown. Creating other links and focusing on safety are important issues to address. We are very grateful for all the support from the community and the various Boards of the Town that we work with.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce Armer
Dianne Barbour, Chairman
Swift Corwin
Jaime Donovan
William Duerig
Leandra MacDonald
John Vance
Ray Wakefield

JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR 1996

In compliance with State law, the Town established a Joint Loss Management Committee to promote workplace safety in Town operations. The committee consists of designees from each Department with a balance between labor and management. Bill Cote of Compensation Funds of New Hampshire serves as an advisor.

The Committee met nine times during the year and achieved three major goals:

1. A draft safety policy for the town was developed to submit to the Board of Selectman for adoption.
2. Committee meetings were held at the facilities of the various departments. During these visits, tours of the buildings were conducted with attention to safety considerations. The operations of each Department were discussed for familiarization of all members. Input was solicited from all participants and recommendations made to further enhance workplace health and safety in each facility.
3. Items for ongoing training for employees were developed. A program on safe lifting and back injury prevention was presented in two sessions available to all employees. Suggestions for future training included CPR and fire extinguisher operation. The Committee will be planning these and other programs.

The Committee has made substantial progress in its first year in developing ideas and enhancing cooperation among all employees of the town in the area of workplace safety. It should be noted that Peterborough has had an excellent safety record in the past which is to the credit of all involved. The creation of this new Committee will serve to build on that record.

The Committee would like to thank Ed Chase for his guidance and leadership during the Committee's early months. Mr. Chase had to step down as Chairman in September. Mr. Chase still attends meetings as his schedule permits. The Committee also thanks Jeannette Baker for her assistance especially in helping to draft the Committee's safety policy. She is being replaced by Carolyn Carter. Finally, thanks are extended to Mr. Cote of Compensation Funds of New Hampshire for his assistance in getting the Committee established, conducting the safety programs, and his supervision with inspections. The Committee is looking forward to working with him in 1997.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald R. Christian, *Chairman*
Tammie J. Blanchette, *Secretary*
Ernest Belletete
Stephen Black

Michael Caisse
Carolyn Carter
Edward Chase
Dana Hadley

Kristen Hamill
Andrew Lougee
Michael Ryder
M. Sean Stone

TOWN EMPLOYEE WAGES

Employee Name	Gross Wage	EmployeeName	Gross Wage
Ainsworth, Lydia	25,519.63	Desrosiers, Paul	16,790.00
Andrade, Pamela	57,099.50	Dickie, James	25,133.07
Atkinson, Deanna	35,904.51	Dodge, James	32,815.24
Baker, Jeannette	20,516.84	Dodge, Raymond	42,321.74
Baldwin, Rebecca	52,428.02	Dubois, Ronald	40,377.58
Bates, Ray	46,048.19	Dunbar, Jessica	32.28
Belletete, Ernest	39,975.15	Dunn, Matthew	21,384.48
Bellinger, Dorothy	40.00	Duval, Jason	77.91
Berube, John	565.88	Eldridge, Elsom	640.41
Berube, Robert	1,484.32	Estey, Jr. Quentin	52,554.10
Bishop, David	608.76	Estey, Karen	3,140.38
Black, Stephen	45,460.52	Fontaine, Marguerite	356.64
Blanchard, Donald	2,824.89	Forrest, Paula	3,241.61
Blanchette, Tammie	20,906.89	Foster, Mitchell	4,681.10
Boulerisse, Richard	577.50	Fournier, Stephanie	421.71
Bowman, Eric	243.01	Freeman, Donald	16,276.35
Bowman, Ronald	1,649.83	Garabrant, Judith	27,800.95
Brinkley, Darrell	296.25	Geisel Jr., Robert	7,456.80
Bryant, Christopher	2,485.43	Geisel, Ann	46,508.36
Bryant, Nancy	23,686.40	Giammarino, Brian	6,017.97
Bryant, Stephen	1,195.86	Goodwin, Christopher	4,771.91
Butler, Joan	28,439.09	Grant, C. James	565.94
Cabana, Allison	60.00	Guinard, Scott	44,087.77
Caisse, Michael	28,542.47	Hadley, Dana	24,320.50
Carabello, Catherine	465.12	Hall, Jon	1,334.62
Chamberlain, Bryan	3,706.07	Hamblin, Edward	80.00
Chandler, Paul	511.27	Hamill, Kristen	30,444.31
Chase, Edward	51,236.10	Hampson, Jonathan	791.97
Chevalier, Kevin	1,945.70	Harrison, Ann	736.80
Chollet, Rebecca	2,212.63	Hautanen, Brent	35,083.59
Christian, Kenneth	1,500.00	Hoadley, Steven	1,084.90
Christian, Ronald	29,203.71	Hobbs, Steven	3,700.62
Christino, Glen	7,406.08	Johnson, Marjorie	120.00
Clark, Elizabeth	1,972.03	Jutras, Claire	60.00
Cleary, Nichols, Claudia	2,204.74	Jutras, Natalie	1,569.64
Clogston, Nancy	4,780.16	Jutras, Ronald	40,944.35
Cobb, Paul	6,732.44	Jutras, Veronica	549.00
Colaianne, Coutney	110.74	Kepner, Linda	30,021.23
Colaianne, Jeanie	20.00	King, Luther	1,083.32
Collard, Sunny	1,932.15	Kirn, Marie	80.00
Conroy, Stephen	20.00	Kong, Saroeun	29,531.06
Crane, Vicki	48.23	Kruger, Brett	200.34
Cuddihee, Bryan	1,087.52	Lagace, James	81.18

EmployeeName	Gross Wage	EmployeeName	Gross Wage
Lagace, John	1,131.71	Ryder, Michael	34,461.68
Lambert, Robert	32,100.45	Ryner, Peter	2,714.19
Laroche, Jane	24,846.70	Sampson, Maurice	5,324.83
Launh, Touch	782.44	Sarkisian, Bruno	159.97
Leedham, Charles	1,000.00	Sebor, Michael	36,691.43
Lemay, Dawn	780.00	Shea, Janet	80.00
Lenane, James	8,754.98	Slivinski, Kate	603.50
Lougee, Andrew	36,317.60	Stickney, Ronald	4,690.56
Luebbermann, Glori	6,931.47	Stone, Michael	18,827.51
MacEachran, Elizabeth	2,002.42	Struthers, Karen	1,507.50
Maguire, Michael	1,219.77	Swanson, Annagreta	20,271.62
Mansfield, Susan	3,130.25	Sweeney, Vivan	80.00
McCall, Bruce	46,742.60	Sweet Jr., William	645.75
McGrath, Lincoln	644.12	Sweet, Denise	800.00
McIntyre, Michael	1,004.70	Sweet, William	800.00
McPherson, Bruce	1,290.26	Symonowicz, Theodore	1,436.95
McPherson, Caitlin	2,156.90	Tarrio, Christine	56.00
Merrifield, Lawrence	45,693.13	Teixeira, Andrew	800.66
Meuse, Karen	1,721.25	Thibault, Joseph	308.80
Morrill, Jr., Francis	34,647.06	Thibault, Julie	3,961.26
Myhaver, Glenn	2,057.09	Thibault, Paul	3,674.23
Nelson, Richard	2,799.06	Thibodeau, James	16,083.80
Nichols, Phyllis	120.00	Thomas, Elizabeth	666.64
Niederhelman, Aaron	663.38	Vaihinger, Nancie	3,864.34
Norton, Andrew	6,203.12	Wakefield, Mary	826.57
Norton, Laura	2,115.03	Wakeman, Glenn	31,867.21
Page, Judith	13,731.06	Wattendorf, Mark	36,385.05
Paradise, Homer	5,684.00	Weeks, Thomas	40,944.35
Parker, Ruth	120.00	West, Mark	40,466.20
Parkhurst, Donald	2,289.91	Wetherbee, Carl	26,526.97
Patten, Roland	1,833.31	Whitney, Alfred	2,785.94
Peterson, Dorothy	160.00	Whitney, Debra	2,207.08
Peterson, Mary	587.25	Whitney, Karen	1,101.16
Peterson, Walter	200.00	Wilder, Robert	35,478.68
Priest, Margaret	690.20	Winters, Bradley	3,339.89
Reed, Richard	1,067.29	Woodbury, Ruth	80.00
Rodenhiser, Keith	4,231.42	Woodbury, Thomas	2,576.21
Roeun, Meas	34,937.32	Young Jr., Gordon	7,153.61
Roeun, Saroeuth	24,445.91	Young, Nancy	3,839.04
Ross, Lawrence	1,500.00	Zwirner, Natthew	1,513.26
Runyon, Catherine	60.00		

**BIRTHS OF RESIDENTS
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH**

**YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1996**

		NAME OF CHILD	
DATE	PLACE	FATHER/MOTHER (MAIDEN)	SEX
January 5	Peterborough	Ryan Alexander Betz Karl Frederick Betz Lisa Anne Koziell	M
January 9	Peterborough	Kyler Wayne Loveless Harold E. Loveless, Jr. Renee Michelle Linsley	M
January 10	Peterborough	Thomas John Foshay Neil Vincent Foshay Cheryl Ann Jennings	M
January 19	Keene	Joseph Albion Payson Benjamin Nicholas Payson Kristine Elizabeth Blanchard	M
January 21	Manchester	Chloe Eleanor Loos Mark Stephen Loos Christine Janet Bellerose	F
January 28	Peterborough	Elsbeth Wheeler Pendleton Richard M. Pendleton Joan S. Wheeler	F
February 6	Peterborough	Noel Yvette King Gerald Ray King Ingrid Yvette Schwab	F
February 23	Peterborough	Troy Paul Nikander Wayne Paul Nikander Jane Margaret Doucette	F
February 27	Peterborough	Lillian Hunt Sawyer Jonathan Whittemore Sawyer Joan Louise Barrows	F
March 16	Peterborough	Maynard Elizabeth Lobacki Joseph Michael Lobacki Bonnie Jene Robertson	F
March 18	Peterborough	Taylor Frances Boyd Michael Edward Boyd Emily Frances Hartnett	F
April 3	Lebanon	Aja Francesca Procita Vincent Paul Procita Caryl Anne Smachetti	F
April 16	Peterborough	Tyler Jon Desmarais Paul Benott Desmarais Lori Ann Van Brunt	M

		NAME OF CHILD	
DATE	PLACE	FATHER/MOTHER (MAIDEN)	SEX
April 25	Peterborough	John Burkinshaw Healy Michael Richard Healy Joan Beeson	M
May 13	Peterborough	Gaelan Elijah Bosworth Kurt David Bosworth Heather Sue Guignon	M
July 12	Peterborough	Owen Sylvan Wright Frank Vernon Wright, V Kathleen Cameron Houpt	M
July 18	Peterborough	Benjamin Mauro Forrest Gregory Scott Forrest Katherine Anne Pepin	M
July 23	Peterborough	Alexander David Reed Daniel David Reed Eleanor Marie Marin	M
August 13	Peterborough	Kaela Ann Cordelle Christopher Todd Cordelle Gina Marie Ventriglia	F
August 21	Peterborough	Ian William Holzmann Farr-Szep Janos Imre Szep Marypat Farr	M
August 23	Peterborough	Jessica Ryan Kemmet Jerry William Kemmet Kelly Anne Kubacz	F
September 1	Peterborough	Emmasae Eva Christine Hallen David Leo Hallen Mary Beth Deschenes	F
September 5	Peterborough	Andrew Michael Pierce William Michael Pierce Laura Jean Malinowski	M
September 18	Peterborough	Spencer Blake McEvoy Edward Martin McEvoy Paulette Jeanne Bennett	M
September 22	Peterborough	Christopher David LaRoche Paul Claude LaRoche Jane Theresa Broderick	M
September 27	Manchester	Dylan Timothy French Timothy Jay French Daniela Marie Brown	M
September 30	Peterborough	Joseph Howard Bernstein David Alan Bernstein Susan Lynn Howard	M
October 2	Peterborough	Cassandra Michelle Cutting Ronald Earl Cutting Michelle Althea Vincent	F

		NAME OF CHILD	
DATE	PLACE	FATHER/MOTHER (MAIDEN)	SEX
October 9	Peterborough	Alyssa Patricia Soucy Mark Paul Soucy Michelle Althea Brodie	F
October 10	Peterborough	David Aaron Shute Philip Allan Shute Susan Yvette Ice	M
November 13	Peterborough	Noah Scott Cail Scott Eric Cail Nancy Barbara Sheppard	M
November 14	Nashua	Riana Hayler Bosk Eric Jon Bosk Kathleen Denise Hourihan	F
November 29	Peterborough	Robert Morgan Coady David Thomas Coady Julie Ponder	M
December 4	Peterborough	Connor Joseph Smith Leo Patrick Smith Kelly Ann Keating	M
December 4	Peterborough	Matthew William Martin William Peter Martin Lauren Elaine O’Connell	M
December 10	Keene	Emily Grace Aucella Timothy Ambrose Aucella Karen Patricia Lee	F
December 30	Concord	Jacob Richard Senecal Kevin Richard Senecal Tami Lyn Hauck	M

MARRIAGES OF RESIDENTS TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH

YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1996

DATE	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE	RESIDENCE
January 6	David Joseph Galante Lisa Jean O'Neil	Peterborough Peterborough
January 12	Jason Paul Poitras Elizabeth Ann Boivert	Peterborough Peterborough
March 20	Benjamin Stevens Smith Gretchen Nace	Peterborough Peterborough
March 24	Darren Patrick Duffy Sarah Elizabeth Downing	Peterborough Peterborough
April 20	Jeffery Anthony Allen Dodge Carol Anne Perner	Peterborough Hancock
April 20	David Wastcoat Carter Ellen Lucile Grace	Peterborough Peterborough
April 27	Steven Howard Boutwell Patrecia Kathleen O'Flynn	Peterborough Peterborough
May 25	Kevin Paul Horn Carla Marie Sears	Peterborough Peterborough
June 8	Mark Paul Soucy Michelle Althea Schloss	Peterborough Peterborough
June 15	Paul A. Bussiere Candace A. Hopps	Peterborough Peterborough
June 15	William Anthony Torphy, Jr. Christine Peirent	Peterborough Peterborough
June 22	James Robert Bergeron Jill Ann Akerman	Peterborough Peterborough
June 22	William H. Anderson, Jr. Juliana P. Penkunas	Peterborough Peterborough
June 22	Laurence P. Cloud Katharine Mitchell Bass	Boston Peterborough
June 28	Daniel Joseph Barretto Karyn Jeanne Whitney	Nashua Peterborough
June 29	Robert Frank Decibus Dorene Renne Moores	Nashua Peterborough

DATE	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE	RESIDENCE
July 6	Robert Collins Huckins Wendy Leigh Speer	Peterborough Peterborough
July 24	David Howard Baum Teresa Helen Reeves	Peterborough Peterborough
July 27	Matthew Worthington Cabana Bridey Colleen Bellemare	Peterborough Peterborough
August 3	Christopher Bowen Black Lisa Marie Lawn	Peterborough Peterborough
August 3	Peter Leslie Bowers Erin Elenda McCarron	Peterborough Peterborough
August 10	Timothy Paul Jarest Valerie Jeanne Rota	Peterborough Peterborough
August 16	Kenneth J. Doyle, Jr. Lisa K. Sturtevant	Peterborough Peterborough
August 17	Herbert James Ellison Deanna Marie Aldsworth	Peterborough Peterborough
August 24	Robert Brian Fish Jan Robertson	Peterborough Peterborough
September 7	Timothy P. B. Quackenbush Jennifer Dawn Blake	Peterborough Peterborough
September 7	Domenic Anthony Ciolino Cyndi Sue Sizemore	Peterborough Antrim
September 14	Neil Ernest Cilley Joelle Carolyn Roy	Peterborough Peterborough
September 15	Malcolm Robert Watson Genevieve Lynn Groesbeck	Peterborough Peterborough
October 4	Charles J. Oropallo, Jr. Susan Franklin	Concord Peterborough
October 5	Michael James Gregorich Carrie Lee Sirois	Peterborough Peterborough
October 5	David Charles Vernier Maria Ann Belva	Peterborough Peterborough
October 5	Steven Daniel Kreatz Christine Holt Clark	Peterborough Peterborough
October 12	Jeffrey Todd Roberts Barbara Lee Doyle	Peterborough Peterborough

DATE	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE	RESIDENCE
October 12	Norman Herbert Young, III Emily Doonan	Hollis Peterborough
October 26	Neil S. Johnson Sharon E. Peters	Harrisville Peterborough
November 9	Theodore Fiske Hoffman Mary Elizabeth Snow	Peterborough Dublin
November 13	Howard Hitchmough Virginia Lee Miller	London Peterborough
November 20	Michael Steven Hodge Robin Constance Lebel	Milford Peterborough
November 24	Cyril Roger Hill Grace M. Bonner	Peterborough Antrim
December 1	Raymond Robert Lefebvre Lisa Ann Fierro	Peterborough Peterborough
December 14	Frederick Piercey, III Lucina Carol Hensens	Peterborough Peterborough
December 21	Allan David Hollander Katina Irene Makris	Peterborough Peterborough

DEATHS OF RESIDENTS TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH

YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 1996

DATE	PLACE	NAME	FATHER/MOTHER
January 3	Manchester	John Paul Kellner	William Kellner Helen Croy
January 4	Peterborough	Walter L. Sweeney	Fred Sweeney Eve Tessier
January 5	Peterborough	Pearl Irene Teixeira	David LaCross Melissa Davis
January 11	Peterborough	Beatrice Turner Ireland	Harry Turner Lucy Brown
January 12	Peterborough	Robert Francis Woods	Steven Dubois Wood Mary A McMahon
January 15	Peterborough	Opel Poates Jones	Dwight Moody Poates Susie Self
January 28	Peterborough	Joseph Philip Russell Jr	Joseph P Russell Blanche Hoag
January 30	Peterborough	Bertha Arlene Seneschal	Lawrence N Nye Annie Morse
February 4	Peterborough	Jane Cushman Telling	Albert P Cushman E.I.ChristineSomerrville
February 9	Peterborough	James Henry Williams	James Henry Williams Sarah Steele
February 21	Peterborough	Priscilla Camp Henry	Philip N Glazier Bessie Underwood
February 22	Peterborough	Louise Crafts	Charles Hawkes Pancha Clark
February 23	Peterborough	James Clarence Davis	Kimble Dennison Davis Vernice Louise Ward
March 1	Peterborough	Evelyn Schmid	Frank Prokop Anna Roloff
March 7	Peterborough	Arthur Max Shutts	Arthur Lewis Shutts Mattie Hicks
March 15	Peterborough	Phyllis VanName Scovill	John Leslie VanName Louise Fuller
March 18	Peterborough	Luella Alice Boothby	George Sherman Luella Metcalf
March 29	Peterborough	Mary Anne Volante	Nicholas Giordano Anna Iggiano
March 30	Peterborough	Helen Dwyer Burke	Peter Johnson Julia Morrisey
April 6	Peterborough	Rita McQuillan Bow	Joseph McQuillan Victoria Alice Bourgoine
April 7	Peterborough	Irene M Rappel	Joseph Mikalewich Irene Bauch
April 16	Peterborough	Charles Arthur Blanchard	Donald D Blanchard Laura Davis

DATE	PLACE	NAME	FATHER/MOTHER
April 26	Peterborough	Michael Lee Myhaver	Roland Myhaver Marjorie Grace Keniston
May 2	Peterborough	Beatrice M Sankovich	Willis Kenyon Gertrude Kendall
May 4	Peterborough	Robert Frank Boudrieau	Frank Boudrieau Marianna Caron
May 7	Peterborough	Nancy Douglas Pierce York Williams	Winslow Shelby Pierce Jr Mary Bush
May 10	Peterborough	Charles Eliot Ware	Charles E Ware Elizabeth Lowell
May 15	Peterborough	Esther Hale Holdsworth	Henry M Hale Emma Greene
May 18	Peterborough	Lillian Elizabeth Todd	Andrew Walkonen Hilja Koski
May 20	Peterborough	Robert A Howard	Henry Howard Rosanna Buckingham
May 21	Peterborough	Marianne Eleanor Brassem	William Dove Euphemia Goudy
May 21	Peterborough	Gertrude Durkee	Gage H Barrows Flora Hazen
May 21	Peterborough	Mary Elizabeth Stanton	George H Stanton Ida Hopkins
June 4	Peterborough	Gladys Gilman	Joseph Borodowsky Rachel Schmuclar
June 12	Peterborough	John William Scott	William Scott Annie Huggard
June 15	Peterborough	Trevor Drysdale Krause	Charles H Krause Marcia G Somers
July 1	Peterborough	Margaret Elizabeth Beale	Harold Taylor Patten Margaret Seccombe
July 1	Peterborough	John S Wilbur Sr.	Herbert L Wilbur Ellen Shaw Benson
July 16	Peterborough	John Joseph Brown	William Brown Tina Clark
July 19	Peterborough	Barbara Oviatt Hutton	George Parker Oviatt Grace Hatch
July 25	Peterborough	Sarah Rose Garcelon	Richard M Garcelon Jr. Kristine Buckjune
July 25	Peterborough	Hazel Hannah Page	Nils Peterson Hazel Alberta Geer
July 29	Peterborough	Mae Post Noyes	Jacob Post Mina Bath
August 1	Peterborough	Walea G Cepurneek	John Grundman Otilia Klesterof
August 4	Peterborough	Mary Porter Simonds	Sheldon Eaton Wardwell Helen Garritt
August 5	Peterborough	Roberta Meade Kellogg	Robert F Kellogg Phebe Selleck
August 11	Peterborough	Wyatt R. Fox	George L. Fox Isadore Hurlbut

DATE	PLACE	NAME	FATHER/MOTHER
August 20	Peterborough	Elvira Augusta Anderson	Oscar F. Anderson Hannah Sjoberg
August 22	Peterborough	Mildred Barenborg MacDuffie	Frederick Barenborg Jessie Dryer
August 27	Peterborough	Emily Greene Duser DeBarenne	Daniel Crosley Greene Marion Lockwood
August 28	Peterborough	Linda Margaret Sherburda	Victor Sherburda Sr. Ann Maki
August 30	Peterborough	Vernon Morgan Harris	George Harris Myrtle Morgan
August 31	Jaffrey	Mildred Violet Egan	Frederick Henry Balch Sidney Pickering
September 5	Peterborough	Robert D. Stewart	Paul P. Stewart Lena M Struthoff
September 5	Peterborough	Carol Wray Tenney	Edward E. Wilkins Jr Shirley Keirstead
September 21	Peterborough	Richard P Pelkey	Aaron Pelkey Ruth Mannis
October 9	Peterborough	Marland Pratt Billings	George B. Billings Helen A. McDonouhg
October 14	Peterborough	Myrtie Leone Courtemanche	Victor Girardin Anna Ames
October 28	Peterborough	Doris Bertina Cutter	Marry Rosa Viola Nitro
October 29	Peterborough	Helena Violet MacDougall	Daniel Mackay Margaret Howe
October 29	Peterborough	Victor Harold Salsman	Elli Salsman Ethel Glenn
November 3	Peterborough	Irene Loetta Fournier	Georges Perron Olivine Gilbert
November 4	Peterborough	Astrid Falck-Pederson	Fin Ulven Jenny Dorum
November 7	Peterborough	Doris May Billings	James Edward Fife Esther M. Mulraney
November 16	Peterborough	Irene Lemay	Hubert Lemay Delia Benoit
November 21	Peterborough	Veronica McQuillan	Frank Thomas Elizabeth Hannigan
December 2	Peterborough	Henrietta R. Clattenburg	John R. Battle Aimee Turner
December 9	Peterborough	Franklin D. Crittenden	Elmer F. Crittenden Emily Dean
December 19	Peterborough	Elsie Ingegerd Glantz-Tofer	Edvin Glantz Inga Person
December 19	Peterborough	Thomas L. Williams	Ralph Williams Mabel Stone
December 23	Peterborough	Delpha Cecile Burrows	Jon Cripps Paulina Wodoracka
December 26	Peterborough	Mae Victoria Miller	Joseph McQuillan Alice Bourgoine
Decmber 28	Peterborough	Eudine Eva Hanson	Morton Muncil Sr. Ola Wiggins

**TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Administration/Selectmen's Office	924-8000
Community Development Office	924-8035
Code Officer	924-8030
Engineering/Public Works	924-8008
Fire Department (NON EMERGENCY)	924-8090
Human Services	924-8025
Police Department (NON EMERGENCY)	924-8050
Public Library	924-8040
Recreation Department	924-8080
Recycling Center	924-8095
Tax Collector's Office	924-8020
Town Clerk's Office	924-8010

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